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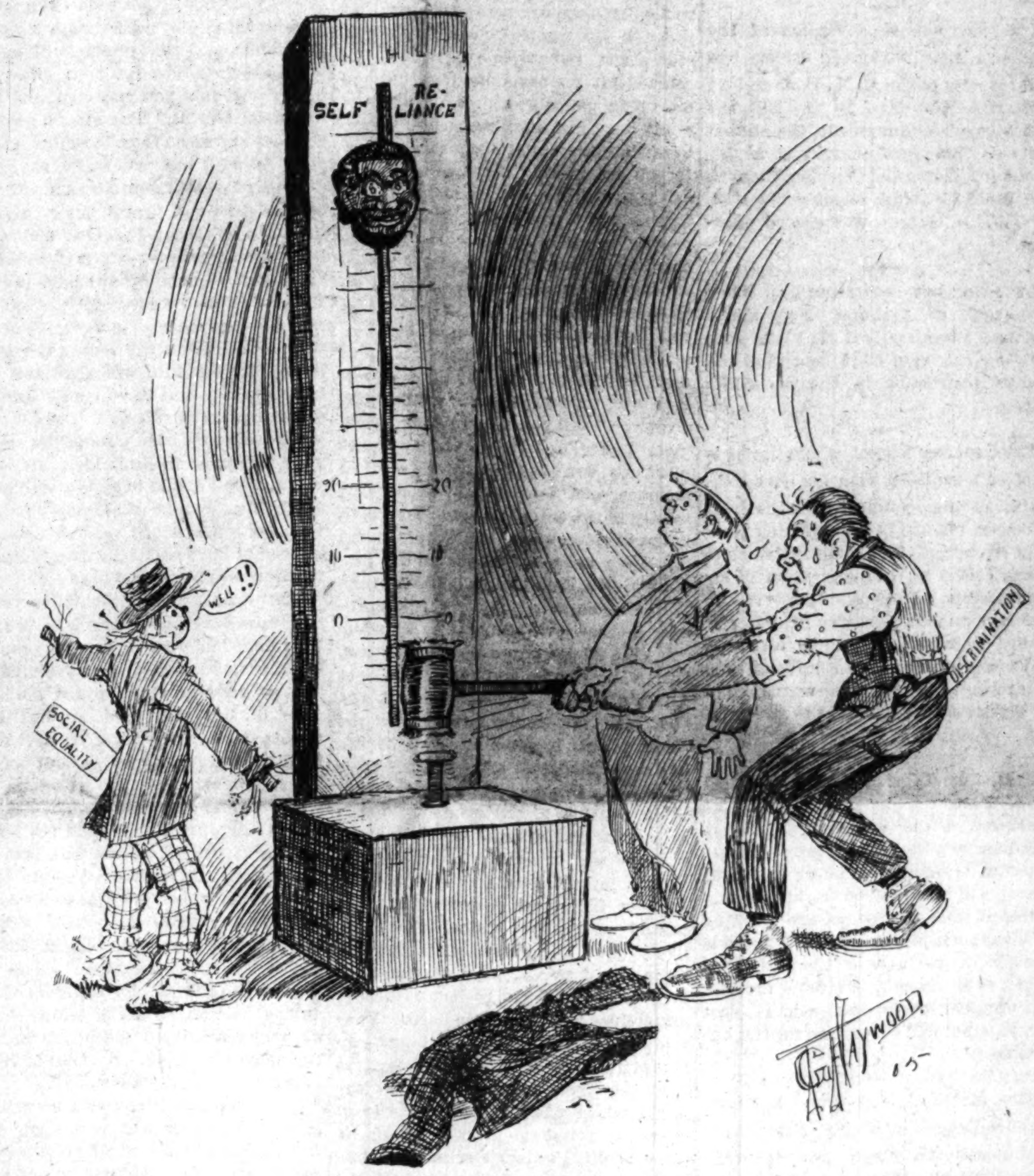

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THOMPSON'S WEEKLY REVIEW

BISHOP WALTERS SPEAKS IN PRAISE OF ROOSEVELT

PRESIDENT'S SOUTHERN TRIP

Went Down into Land of Dixie With Courage of a Lochinvar and the Dash of a Knight—Manly Stand for Fair Play—Good Results Certain.

(STAFF CORRESPONDENCE.)

Bishop Alexander Walters, the distinguished prelate of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and president of the National Afro-American Council, is in Louisville for a few days, en route from an extensive tour of the South. He had spent some time inspecting the interesting sights of Tuskegee Institute, and was in Mobile, Alabama, during the visit of President Roosevelt, and was deeply impressed by the royal welcome extended to the nation's Chief Executive by the people of that typical Southern city. Bishop Walters keeps his eyes and ears wide open when traveling in the North, South, East or West, or in foreign lands, and his observations on men and events are always instructive and entertaining. Broad experience in public affairs has given the Bishop unusual powers of penetration, and the country invariably expects to hear from him after any signal happening, anxious to get the benefit of his keen analysis of the trend of popular sentiment and deep insight into the effect of such happenings upon the future of the Negro. Your correspondent met Bishop Walters a few days ago,, just as President Roosevelt was closing his southern intinery at New Orleans. Finding him in a genial mood, bubbling over with characteristic enthusiasm, I was able to secure from him the following message to the people, in response to the queries propounded:

"In your opinion, what will be the effect of President Roosevelt's visit to the South, as far as the future of the Negro is concerned?"

"From every point of view, the recent tour of Mr. Roosevelt was more significant than any made to that section by his predecessors, not even excepting that of the late President McKinley. In genuine cordiality, the ovation which Mr. Roosevelt received at every stage of his journey at the hands of those looked upon as his political, if not personal enemies, excelled any demonstration of the kind the country has yet known. It is no invidious comparison to say that President Roosevelt has shown better judgment, a higher order of tact and more cleverness than has any other president in dealing with this sensitive element of our body politic and its supersensitive ailment, the so-called race problem. Mr. Roosevelt went down into the land of Dixie, with the courage of a Lochinvar and the dash of a knight of Prince Arthur's Round Table, and captured the South, horse, foot and dragoon. In taking his manly stand for fair play for ever class of citizens, regardless of race, color, nationality or previous condition, he implanted a lesson that cannot fail to be helpful to both races throughout the South, recanting nothing that he has said before touching the equality of all men before the law, his coming undoubtedly marks the beginning of a new era for the black people especially. To our struggling race, the President's visit has proven a real blessing, and its effect is certain to be far-reaching."

"Which of the several addresses impressed you as offering the most comfort to the Negro?"

"Unquestionably, the Tuskegee speech stands out as the especial offering of the President to the colored people of the nation. It was the most carefully prepared of all the utterances touching the race question, and went to the bottom of the entire problem of morals, education and patriotic duty. It strongly emphasized the responsibility of the South for the education and encouragement of its colored citizens, and pointed out the importance of the Negro himself seizing every opportunity to increase his efficiency as a worker in some line of useful endeavor. The President was especially happy in stating the value of industrial education and did not neglect to hold out the glittering hope of the higher education, for which the ability to work well with the hands was an essential preliminary training. The opening sentences of this remarkable speech was an endorsement of Booker T. Washington and his magnificent constructive labors that was at once so whole souled, fervent and unequivocal that had any of the few opponents of the Tuskegee idea been present he would surely have been convinced of the utter uselessness and folly of further assailing this massive monument to human genius, impaired by the Master Builder. This positive and sturdy recognition of the fundamental character of the work at Tuskegee, by the first man of the nation and the ablest exponent of the practical philosophy of these modern times, ought to put a quietus upon the last vestige of hostility on the part of a few theorists who live in an artificial atmosphere which unfits them to sit in judgment for the masses of their own race. The attaks of two or three newspapers ought to cease, as the petty shafts of envy and jealously are fruitless and unworthy of thoughtful men. The admonition that duty is the natural forerunner of rights, enunciated at Jacksonville, and the vigorous pronouncement against lynching, set forth at Little Rock, in the hearing of Gov. Jeff Davis, are germs of statesmanship that should be treasured in the memory of our people for many a day."

"Have the President's speeches met the expectations of the colored people generally,—of the North as well as the South?"

"I feel very sure that Mr. Roosevelt has more than met the most sanguine expectations of the reasonable Negroes of the country, North and South. It is a fastidious black man indeed who can find a single flaw in any address made by the President. I heartily aprove every word uttered. His expressions concerning our people could not have been fairer or in a more sincere vien. From all I can hear, I am certain that the words of the President are endorsed fully by the Negroes in all sections. Even those who were apprehensive that the trip might prove detrimental to the peace and order of the South are now loudest in their praise of Mr. Roosevelt's wisdom. Instead of being a hindrance to good feeling, the tour bids fair to be the most helpful thing that hast happened in recent years for all involved."

"I hear a great deal of talk about reduction of Southern representation. Would such reduction, as a penalty for disfranchisement, really benefit the Negro citizens of the South?"

"I think not. In fact, I am committed to opposition to reduction of Southern representation. We must contend for the restoration of the suffrage. Acceptance of reduced representation as a punishment for eliminating the Negro from the civic equation would leave us in a most unsatisfactory predicament, and would delay for many years any possible restoration of the ballot. Our work may be slow, as we have planned it, but it will be sure. The XVth, rather than the XIVth amendment embodies the relief for our denial of the ballot. Something will eventually be devised to secure the enforcement of this all-important portion of the organic law."

"How may we hope to regain the ballot in the states where we are now disfranchised?"

"The process must be scientific, to be permanent, and we must do much for ourselves that no amount of law can do for us. It is expedient, as a preliminary measure, to educate and prepare our people for the exercise of suffrage, and then encourage them to register and to offer themselves as voters. We must impress upon our men the sacred responsibility that the right to vote entails, and remove the stigma of corrupt practices lodged against us by our enemies. We must stand for law and order, and for decency in the administration of public affairs—allying ourselves always with the better classes of the whites. This class want us to vote, for they need the strength that we could bring them. In Tennessee, Virginia, North Carolina, Georgia and Alabam, many Negroes are registering and voting. Many more are qualified and can vote, if they so desire. I may add here that the condition of our people is steadily improving, the rural districts feeling the general upward impulse. In Choctow county, Alabama, where I have just concluded an episcopal visit, the Negroes have been accounted the most backward in the state. Some of our people there own from 100 to 1,000 acres of good land and are putting up school houses and comfortable churches. They are succeeding admirably as farmers and stock-raisers. For a time they did not seem to care for the ballot, but with increasing intelligence, they are appreciating its value and are eager to prepare themselves to meet the registrars."

"What of the 'jim crow car' infamy?"

"The problem of separate cars is being solved by the the first class railroads. In traveling from Mobile to Louisville the other day, I experienced no discomfort, and had accommodations equal to the best. The coaches were the same as used by the whites only a curtain separating the races. I had no fault to find, beyond the natural humiliation of being 'tagged off' as something distict and peculiar. Being a confirmed believer in the 'no separation' doctrine as applied to American citizens, I object to such an anniversary proceeding for the sake of the principle involved. I am of the opinion that the roads could adjust this matter by the exercise of a little judgment in selling tickets. If the respectable colored people were permitted to ride with the respectable whites, I see no reason why any friction would ensue. People of any race unfitted for obvious reasons to occupy a first class coach, should be refused a ticket by the agent. Above all, our good women—educated and refined ladies of our race—should not be forced to ride in the jim crow cars so frequently found on the inferior roads, where they are thrown in close contract with chickens, animals and others offensive merchandise, besides associated with profane men, laden with whiskey jugs and smelling of bad liquor and tobacco. I am bitterly opposed to this species of segregation, and hope the time will come when an enlightened sentiment in the South will admit superior people of both races to equal accommodations, and compel the drunkards and uncouth individuals black or white to ride together. Distinction should be made between the good and bad of the races, and especially among us, instead of lumping us all together. Some of the separate waiting rooms are a disgrace, and the companies should be prosecuted for maintaining a nuisance. Our leaders intend to keep en hammering away until a remedy is found for these evils."

"What is the condition of the National Afro-American Council at this time?"

"The Council is in splendid condition. More real work is being done now than at any time in its history of eight years. I may say advisedly that the organization is in better shape than ever, and its future is assured. The experimental stage has been safely passed. It has been our aim to have all the national bodies unite that stood for the protection of the civil rights of the Negro, but the other elements seem not to care for union, so we shall go on in the even tenor of our way—treading the winepress alone, as it were, and do the work entrusted to us as faithfully as our limitations will permit. It is very gratifying to me that the internal dissensions which once knew us, know us no more. The disturbing elements have gone elsewhere, and we are able to throw all of our strength into the work as planned, instead of having to fight for the life of the organization at every annual meeting. The officers are co-operating in perfect harmony, and every bureau is alive, headed by an interested director. A central office may be established at Washington."

"What is the outlook for next presidential contest?"

"From present indications—although the next campaign is far away—President Roosevelt will not be able to resist the popular pressure for his re-nomination in 1908. His declination may be swept aside by a tidal wave of enthusiasm that he cannot afford to ignore, despite his personal view of the matter. All things considered, he is the greatest chief executive the country has had—unless for specific acts, we except Washington and Lincoln. Indeed, I would not be surprised if he is endorsed by both democrats and republicans, as he stands for the reforms advocated by the progressive elements of each party. The South is wild for him, because of his breadth, and the Southern leaders could unite upon him without loss of prestige. He is the only national figure upon whom they could so unite. Roosevelt's nomination would be equivalent to election, and his popular majority would be something tremendous. I do not see how he is to get out of another race for the White House. 'The voice of the people is the voice of God.'"

"Your recent visit to the South was a highly successful one, I understand."

"Yes. No previous trip to that section has been so enjoyable, so instructive or so profitable from every point of view. I have the West Alabama Conference, among others, since the death of Bishop Small. The Zion connection was never in such a prosperous condition, and the church from the Bishops' Bench to the humblest layman, feels the forward trend. At every place to which official duty or social invitataon called me, I was tendered an ovation by the people. A royal welcome awaited me at every turn, and I could not but feel deeply grateful for the bounteous hospitality dispensed in my honor, and for the valuable gifts bestowed upon me. At the various stations, crowds made up of citizens from miles around, greeted me, and I could not retain the conviction that at last our people are getting together through the devine revelation, and that the Christian religion and its ordination of universal brotherhood, is to be the leaven that will lighten the whole lump of ills that beset us. The terrible responsibility of leadership was never more vividly impressed upon my mind, pleasing as such demonstrations usually are, and without one iota of vanity, I re-consecrated my humble ability to the uplift of this people, trusting for strength in the God that is mighty and Almighty."

Bishop Walters goes to his home in Jersey City this week, stopping en route at Washington and Philadelphia for conference with Council workers and to attend to eclesiastical business. I trust this message to the race will be read with care and sympathetic interest everywhere.

R. W. THOMPSON.

The Freeman's Headquarters.

Persons in Macon, Ga., should see our representative, C. J. Crenshaw, corner Cherry street and Cotton avenue, and secure a copy of the Freeman for sale by him each week. Mr. Crenshaw is quite a hustling agent and deserves the support of all Macon citizens.

Prof. C E Hawk, one of the traveling representatives for The Freeman, is now in Tennessee in the interest of the work.

PAYNE UNIVERSITY OPENED

AN ADDRESS DELIVERED BY PROF. W. H. COUNCILL

A PLEA FOR CONSERVATISM

Races Rise by Natural Forces—Then and Now—All Rests with Ourselves Must Wipe Away Our Own Tears and Comfort Ourselves.

Selma, Ala., Special.—At the formal opening of Payne University, one of the Negro institutions of the city, Oct. 2, Prof. W. H. Councill, head of the normal school for Negroes at Normal delivered the principal address, being introduced to the large audience by Dr. L. L. Burwell of Selma, one of the most prominent Negroes in this section.

Prof. Councill said among other things:

"Complaints and wailings never yet raised a people. Stopping to quarrel with the stick which trips you does not help you on your journey. Races are lifted up like kites by the adverse current, and often the greatest blessings are brought to us by the heaviest storms. This fact thoroughly settled in our minds will make our struggles for racial existence appear as zephers of the evening compared to western tornadoes, or the ripples of a summer evening bay to the mountain waves which roll and dash against bleak and rock shores.

Elements of Freedom.

"Three hundred years of training in the ante-room of freedom, nearly fifty years in the school room should have us in a position now to understand pretty throroughly the element of freedom. Of course it will be unphilosophical to expect a race to understand thoroughly, fifty years from the birthday of its freedom, the duties of freedom. The first great lesson which is to be taught by freedom is the lesson of hardship and endurance. The moment a boy reaches his majority and steps beyond the parental threshold he forfeits all claim to infantile protection and apologies, and must endure the buffetts and hardships of adult life, Niether can a people in freedom expect the same sympathy and friendship which they enjoyed in slavery. The failure to take this view of the advantages and disadvantages of the minority and majority of slavery and freedom ages, makes us cowards and makes adversities more stony. Our training and destinies were in the hands of others. Now all rests with ourselves. We must stand or fall. We must wipe away our own tears and comfort ourselves by the review of the lives of others in like condition.

"So at the very foundation a broad and deep thoughtfulness must lie. A people which sits down 'to eat and drink and rises up to play' can expect no more success and honor now than the Jews did more than twenty-five centuries ago for like frivolties. Three hundred years of training for freedom, fifty years of education, should bring us face to face with serious thoughts on the purposes of God in the creation of the Negro race. We are now responsible, from every consideration, for our racial destiny. There are no external forces capable of changing that destiny against our will. We make conditions good or bad.

All Lies With Negro

"That other races are friendly, that they help or oppress us, has nothing to do with the case. It is all with the Negro. He can do or die—he must do or die. Complants can do no good. The Negro must formulate and answer his own prayers. Disclaiming any attempt at sacrilege, I repeat that the Negro must answer his own prayers—he can answer his own prayers. 'God helps them who help themselves.' We can set an ideal. Instill it into the hearts of black boys and girls while at their prayers about our knees—an ideal which will lead them on to usefulness and the respect of the nations of the earth—that will set in operation healthful, vigorous energies which will roll on and on forever. Shall we do this or shall the race retrograde, grow weaker and weaker, more and more Godless, more and more sinful, until it dies by its own hands?

"Why not change the meaning of the designation of the words 'nig,' 'nigger,' or 'coon,' which is now used as the approbrious epithet applied to a Negro of any grade of intellect or worth? There was a time, when the word 'Jap' was applied to the Japanese as a term of reproach, insolence,

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IN WOMAN'S WORLD

BY "DOROTHY."

This column will be devoted to the interests of women. Questions will be cheerfully answered. In order to insure a reply it is necessary to give a pseudonym under which the querist may be answered. The full name and address must also be given This will not, under any circumstances, be published. No answer will be sent by mail unless a stamped envelope is received at this office. Address all communications to Woman's Corner, The Freeman, Indianapolis, Ind.

IN COMING THINGS.

Seek not afar for beauty. Lo! it glows
In dew-wet grasses all about thy feet;
In birds, in sunshine, childish faces sweet,
In stars, and mountain summits topped with snows.

o, not abroad for happiness. For, see!
It is a flower that blossoms by thy door.
Bring love and justice home; and then no more
Thou'lt wonder in what dwelling joy may be.

Dream not of noble service elsewhere wrought
The simple duty that awaits thy hand
Is God's voice uttering a divine command;
Life's common deeds build all that saints have thought.

In wonder-workings, or some bush aflame,
Men look for God and fancy him concealed;
But in earth's common things He stands revealed,
While grass and flowers and stars spell out His name,

The paradise men seek, the city bright
That gleams beyond the stars for longing eyes,
Is only human goodness in the skies,
Earth's deeds, well done, glow into heavenly light.

—Minton Judson Savage.

WHAT SOME WOMEN ARE DOING.

Miss Willa Smith, of Topeka, Kans., has been a successful traveling agent for the Topeka Plaindealer, the leading weekly publication of the West, for several years. Her territory has included the principal cities of the South and West. She has given perfect satisfaction to the managers, who say that she cannot be excelled in that line of work. Miss Smith is a typical western girl, a representative daughter of the "Sunflower" State.

Miss Estelle Langston and Miss Ura Waneight, of Jefferson City, Mo., graduates of the normal department of Lincoln Institute, and also from the dressmaking department, with a year in millinery, have opened a dress-making parlor in Sophia avenue in St. Louis.

The tenth annual convention of the Woman's Mite Missionary Society was held recently at the A. M. E. church at Baltimore, Md. Mrs. D. G. Hill, the first vice president made the annual address. The total amount of money raised for' Home and Foreign Missions was $1558.33; total membership 1092. Mrs. W. J. Gaines was elected president.

At a woman's conference held a few days ago at Bathurst, New South Whales, it was resolved that all girls between the ages of 15 and 18 should receive instruction in the use of firearms.

The Countess Tolstoi, whose name is so often associated with her husband's, is sixteen years younger than the great reformer, but she is the directing power of the household, and is invaluable to Count Tolstoi in the preparation of his manuscripts. The preliminary sketch is always remodelled. The manuscript is then copied out, only to be corrected and recorrected by the author, and then it is recopied by the persevering hand of Tolstoi's wife and sent to the printer.

Prof. John Tyler of the biographical department of Amherst College, at the luncheon of the Connecticut Valley Headmaster's Club and Western Massachusetts Grammar Masters' Club, at Springfield said, "The rigid requirements of women's colleges are working incalcuable injury to girls. If there is one girl to graduate at the end of the year, even though, 999 have dropped out physical wrecks, then will the elect get together and thank God for the one graduate."

The Mothers' and the Domestic Science League of Boston, Mass., have enthusiastically taken up the work suggested by the remarks of Mrs. Katherine Stevenson, president of the W. C. T. U., at the convention in Cambridge. An organized endeavor at dress reform and the elimination of "openwork" stockings, peek-a-boo shirtwaists and skirts with openwork insertion from the wardrobes of young women will be made. The women agree that the growing tendency to wear open-work apparel is not a good one. It is especially to be regretted they argue that young girls should thus array themselves. And the members of the league have instituted a crusade against it. They will begin a canvass of the mothers and will urge them to induce the members of their families to quit wearing such clothes. In the October number of the Ladies Home Journal there is a page article, entitled 'Her Brother's Letters" in which the brother, an up-to-date young lawyer of New York gives his sister some advice about the wearing of decollette gowns, etc. Among the things he wishes her to understand are that such clothing is too suggestive and have a very bad effect on the morals.

Batiste and handkerchief linen shirtwaists will be worn all winter. All kinds of yokes will be in fashion.

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MAJORS' MELANGE

In Which the Doctor Says a Few Fit Things, and Pertinent—Read Every Line—It Is All Philosophy.

The field of the specialist for the Negro doctor is a very extensive one, but it cannot be reached, nor the emoluments from the vast survey of diseases scientifically treated by modern apparatus realized, if he who looks up into the nobler sphere of his science, remains in the other realm to sport cards, base ball, parties, balls, picnics or any of the devil-take-it pastimes. The mandates of the profession of medicine are severe The Negro doctor must devote his time to the chosen work or he will be found charging fees for services that have no value. The public demands from the doctor the painstaking and best service he can possibly render. His school may have done him a great service in graduating him, but if he gets careless when he becomes a doctor, he not only fails to reflect credit on that institution, the profession he has attained, or himself, for that matter, the very race to which he belongs has to suffer certain odium, and harsh indignation from an exacting census of public opinion that is alike harmful to all. In certain sections of the country and not very far from Chicago, they don't regard you for your real worth to your race and country, but they will ask you if you can play whist, stud poker (whatever that is) Of course this confirms the fact that you are up in matoria medica. I want to sound a note of warning to the Negro boys who are ambitious and aspiring. If you are looking for a soft-hand job and you want to be a physician, it will be no credit to you among the very best people anywhere in the world to know how to play cards or gamble, if the inclination should ever overcome a resplendent judgment. Your race needs you for a stern appointment and promotion. There is but little leisure in medicine, that may the slight deversion, rest or recreation, but the busy doctor will tell you that playing cards, races, policy, and the devil only knows what else, don't agree with the medical stomach, and that recreation consists mostly in searching out some new truth in the science and art of his professional life. We are too far back in the procession as a race to madly take up the follies of the race that owns the ships, railroad and everything else to while away the golden hours of race force and energy, race hopes and race glory, over a deck of cards. The development of a race, and the confirmation that the Negro is able to enter any walk of life like other men, and show himself their equal, does not hang upon the jack, big or little casina, or the number of books in a whist game, and the ably fought, and well won prizes in such games only for the moment stimulate some pin-head dude or helpless society maiden with possibly an ounce of brains. Of course, like cocaine, it makes one feel rich and leads one into visionary elysian, but here is the selfishness of human nature exemplified with great emphasis. Your profession is one of self-denial, and people intrusted to your care, whose lives kind fate has offered to you that the world might glory in the perfection of your art, you have allowed to die by gross neglect, which is criminal, while the card party was in its gay and festive upheaval. If you are contemplating the field of medicine or the realm of the specialist, take into deep consideration that the most laudable bearing your life can have possibly is in the church, or inclined toward the Christian religion. We have met a doctor or two with Negro blood in their veins, who were willing to disavow their mother's teachings of God and heaven. Such men make better bill posters and scavengers. The field of the specialist in medicine offers an alluring bribe to him who has rounded out some years of experience in general practice. If it is possible for you to sail out into this sphere of advanced activity in your art with some elegance you must expect to find a few fellow doctors, who meet you and greet you with a smile, applauding your efforts to your face, but cursing you and knocking you when you are gone. There have always been cowards, there always have been hypocrits, and there always will be scoundrels in every profession or in any branch of human energy. Do not let this deter you. You will find this element, however, among the unborn infant killers, doctors who slay for a few paltry dollars the unborn Douglasses of the Negro race to save some woman's honor, an honor that hinges upon her escape from the mire and filth of her surroundings. Their influence for good or evil need not be noticed. You make up your mind that your time belongs to the public and the public will handsomely reward you for your efforts at hard study, that you may give kind and beneficial service. The mental growth not only enhances your daily life among your fellows, but you escape the sting of reproof a clean conscience could not subsist upon. A great many people have the mistaken idea that a specialist in medicine must know everything. It cannot be true of any man in any walk of life, no matter how humble it may be. A specialist in medicine is one who selects from the vast aggregate a list of diseases with which his zeal has been inspired, and in which he has had some remarkable success. The list may be few or many. He determines to devote his time, or limit his practice to this sphere. He at once is a specialist, and by the devotion of his time he comes to know much about the few diseases, instead of little about the many diseases when he was in general practice.

The profession has grown so very rapidly now that specialism has become the rule. The man in general practice is either not satisfied over a boundless area of diseases, about which the brief span of life will give him but little chance to learn anything, or he is scuffing up hill trying to get out of it. There was a time in our religious life when we had the circuit rider, the presiding elder, the bishops and the horseback preacher all in one, but that day has passed. In medicine you are to be a physician whose practice is not satisfing to him, because he is handicapped; the surgeon, the gynaecologist, the obstretrician, the specialist. These departments each call for different tastes among doctors, no one of which should be very difficult to the physician, but in no one physician are these abilities found to be equally developed.

Great opportunities await the coming of the young men who will abound in the good graces of a worthy civilization, and whose life force will be directed where the greatest good can be accomplished, and where the greatest need invites him.

M. A. MAJORS, M. D.,
The Negro Pioneer Specialist.
Chicago, Ill.

Everybody isn't a "dummy" even if you do think so. It is not a very wise thing to solicit enemies.

Jefferson City, Mo., Oct. 23, '05.
Editor The Freeman,

Dear Sir:—Enclosed please find post-office order for $1 50, renewal subscription for your valuable paper.

Yours for the race,
Josephine Silone Yates.
Pres. National Association of Colored Women.

PROVIDENCE. R. I.

The weather in this city for the past two weeks or more has been rather warm. The people have not worn their winter wraps yet.—The city throngs in mourning of the death of the mayor just as he was on the verge of being nominated for re-election. The Republicans have offered Elisha Dyer, ex. governor, of Spanish War fame. We sincerely hope our Afro-American voters will not forget Mr. Dyer's treatment of our young men who offered their service to the country in time of war with Spain. His cry was that no Negroes should go, and they didn't, but what boys did go crossed the line and enlisted with our neighbor, Massachusetts.—There seems to be no excitment in this campaign for colored voters. Citizen's committees of different wards have not shown their activity for their brethern.—Wake up Messers. Dixon and Heathman and let the citizens know what is going on,—The Katie Johnson, Ethiopian Concert Co., gave a concert for the benefit of the A. M. E. Church on 18th street. Miss Johnson is a singer of some ability. She was assisted by Messrs Jas. DeCosta, tenor soloist of New England, C, D. Mathew, Basso, Wm. Donagan, Boston, favorite baritone, John Mitchell violinist and Miss Vivian James; accompanist.—Miss Ethel Lewis, of Cambridge, Mass., has been visiting Mrs. Jas. Bewzard of Sutton street for the past week. A reception was held in her honor and was largely attended.—The Imperial Manolin and Guitar Club played at the reception given in honor of Mrs. Emma West of Washington, D. C., at the residence of Mrs. Wm. H. Carter on Washington street last Tuesday evening.—The Cooks and Waiters Local 583 held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening with Pres. S. S. Walker in the chair. The regular routine of business was transacted. A committee consisting of Messers. Sanders, Hyde and Scott was appointed to estimate the cost of papering the room. The committee on Treasury and Financial Secretary's report was continued until next meeting as their report was not ready, but that the lodge is in good financial standing and owes no bills is certain. Remarks for the welfare of the lodge were made by several members and the meeting closed until last Monday.

COLUMBIA. TENN.

A large number of Columbians are attending the A. M. E, conference at Nashville this week.—Mr, John Jones has recovered from a recent illness.—"Babe" Vaughn has opened an up-to-date restuarant on E. Eigth street.—The residence of Dr. A. T. Braxton which burned recently is being rebuilt. Jesse Burford is able to be out again.—Rev. Richard Sanderson is seriously ill at this writing.—Irine and Henderson have fitted a handsome tailorshop at 17½ S. Main street. These two enterprising young men should be patronized by the colored people of Columbia.—Prof. Wm. Smith is endeavoring to establish an industrial school. He is now making an appeal for aid.—Masters Chauncey Miller and Warren Maxwell were the successful competitors in the Y. M. C. A. carnival.—Miss D'Andre White, one of the finest colored dermologists in the South, is on a lecturing tour through Tennessee and Kentucky Mr. Andy Sanderson, of Columbus, Ohio, was summoned to the bedside of his father last week.—Jonas Wilkes has returned to the city.—Rev. B. G Gordon, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E Church, preached his farewell sermon last Sunday night to a large audience. Mrs. Bettie Webster has returned from Earlington Kentucky.—The 62nd anniversary of the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church was creditably observed last Sunday. Rev. R. Tappin of Nashville delivered the anniversary sermon.—Mrs. Marissa Hunter of Nashville is in the city.—The "Devil's Cook Kitchen" was exhibited at the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church Monday night.—Miss Magnolia Daniels will not produce the drama entitled "Abraham Lincoln's Proclamation," as had been planed —Mr Albert Wright is ill.—Lawrence Watkins has returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

The Freeman in Hot Springs, Ark., can always be found on sale at the Afro-American News Co., on Gulpa and Elm streets, James Shirley's Shining Parlor, the only first-class place in town.

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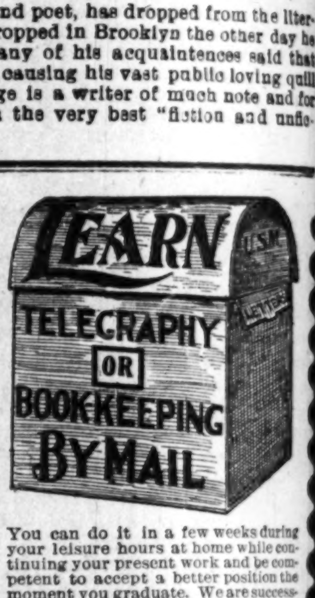
August M. Hodge or B. Square, tallsman and poet, has dropped from the literary world and when a Freeman staff man dropped in Brooklyn the other day he found it utterly impossible to locate him. Many of his acquaintences said that it was owing to his recent marriage that was causing his vast public loving quill to "idly trail" as long as it has Mr. Hodge is a writer of much note and for years filled the columns of The Freeman with the very best "fiction and unfiction" lines.



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Mr. E. W. Harper is now permanently located at Niagara Falls and enjoying a much needed rest from a hard summer at the Cataract International combination. Mr. Harper has been troubled with rheumatism for the last two years.

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C. W. Dwyer, headwaiter Commercial Club Minneapolis, Minn.	8 '05
C. H. Plummer, headwaiter Hotel Brunswick, Uniontown, Pa.	10-05
R. H. Bradley, Headwaiter Menger Hotel, San Antonio, Texas.	3-06

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Hot Springs, Ark., will be good this season since the yellow fever at New Orleans will probably prevent the opening of Spring races in that city and, no doubt, this crowd will go to the Hot Springs races and make an unusual good season at this famous resort.

Chas. C. Lewis seems to have made good at the Louisville Hotel, Louisville, Ky. Mr. Lewis is well known among hotel men throughout the country. We would be pleased to hear from him personally, especially since there is a new hotel recently opened in his city.

Colored waiters have again been reinstated in the Grill Room of the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago. This hotel makes more chahges of waiters than any other hotel in the country. First white waiters then colored. The headwaiter was second waiter at the Auditorium Cafe and Grill under Mr. James P. Early.

A. E. Jenkins recently resigned his position as headwaiter of the McKinley Hotel, Canton, O., and returned to Kansas City, Mo., where he has property interest that demand his attention. Mr. Jenkins was once headwaiter of the Courts House, Kansas City and also headwaiter at the Albany Hotel, Denver, Col.

Mr. St. Clair is headwaiter at the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark., for the fifth or sixth season. He has been there since Al. Holden died with the exception of one season. The Arlinton is one of the finest hotels of this great resort. Mr. St. Clair is a white headwaiter. The Arlington also have white waiters in the cale.

"The Railway Epicurean" is the name of a magazine just issued in Chicago, by Thomas Burdine. It is devoted to the interest of dining-car waiters and buffet porters, and general matters concerning railway progress and improvements. The initial copy, while incomplete, is well illustrated and contains good reading matter.

We regret to chronicle the death of William Alexander, for ten consecutive seasons headwaiter at the Fountain Spring Hotel, Waukesha, Wis., and for three seasons headwaiter at the Park Hotel, Hot Springs, Ark. Mr. Alexander is one Chicago's old headwaiters and a man of great industry and perseverence. He died suddenly from heart trouble at his home in Chicago.

At this writing our esteemed National President, F. P. Thompson, is in the hospital in New York. Mr. Thompson is a long sufferer of stomach trouble and has just undergone an operation. We hope it is successful and that his recovery will be both rapid and permanent. There is no man of our profession better known or loved by all who know him than our worthy president.

The new Southern Club, Hot Springs, Ark., will, in all probability, open this season with white waiters. This is one of the finest resort clubs in the South and one the colored men should regret to lose. Too much foolishness, too much drink and not enough sleep and care in the discharge of the duties of the positions is some of the chief causes of the colored men's failure in this line of work.

No one can ever appreciate the bitter disappointment of the waiters who frequent Hot Springs, Ark., when, last spring, they learned through The Freeman that Mr. Hay, the manager of the Arlington Hotel, also manager of the Jefferson Hotel, St. Louis, Mo., would employ only white help. There was only one colored face seen around this fine hotel at the opening, that of the doorman or carriage caller.

Houston, Texas, is soon to have a new hotel, and if the original plans are carried out it will be the swellest thing in the Lone Star State. The Rice Hotel is the old reliable hotel of Houston, and under Captain Lawlow's management it has maintained a place second to none in the State. Mr. Lawlow was once a headwaiter in the city where he is now the leading hotel man. This only proves the opportunities of the white man who has ability and capacity for any special business. Many of the waiters now at the Rice Hotel once worked for their present proprietor as headwaiter.

We regret to learn of the recent misfortune of our dear and esteemed friend and headwaiter, Lee A. Lampkins, who was shot in a Chicago justice court by a white chef of the Vendome Hotel. The waiters throughout the country will be affected by this misfortune. Mr. Lampkins was one of the best and most affable young headwaiters of the West, and for six consecutive seasons was headwaiter at the Charlevoir Inn, for two seasons headwaiter at the Eastman, Hot Springs, Ark. All who remember him will recall his friendly and pleasing personality. We wish him a safe and speedy recovery of both health and strength.

Marriage of Knutsford Headwaiter.

THOMAS H. FRAME,

At Salt Lake City, Utah, October 20, 1905. the marriage of Mr. Thomas H. Frame, the congenial headwaiter of the Knutsford Hotel, and Miss Roy Kennedy was solemnized by the Rev. J. C. Bell at the home of Mr. Zola Brown in State street. The parlor was decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums. The bride was gowned in a beautiful creation of white crepe de chine and wore diamonds. Among those present were Mrs. E. M. Johnson, Mrs. Alice Walker, Rev. and Mrs Bell, Mrs. Zola Brown, J. W. Durham, P. M. Briggs. Mr. Eccles, Master Pete Brown and W. W. Taylor.

SHORT FLIGHTS.

Is Tom Dixon satisfied to let Kelly Miller have the last word?

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Bishop Walters and T. Thomas Fortune have been absorbing ozone at Tuskegee Institute.

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The promotion of Dr. H. W. Furniss to the Haitien Mission took the politicians unawares. It is the Rooseveltian way of doing business.

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The usually ready correspondents seem to be backward about assigning a future occupation for Minister Powell. Is he to go back to the school room?

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This is the day of the paragrapher. Thousands read him with absorbing interest, while hundreds wade through the lucubrations of the ponderous essayist.

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The doctors evidently stand well with this administration. Of the professional classes they rank next to newspaper men in the matter of official recognition.

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The "Old Guard" is down and out, if the new appointments mean anything. Political parties of to-day are not paying any sentimental debts due for past services.

"You cannot always sometimes tell." Now who would have thought that Giles B. Jackson was a poet? His organ, the Negro Criterion, of Richmond, Va., confesses it in open meeting.

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Property is not all—but in the eyes of this work-aday world it is the concrete evidence of character thrift and industry, the cardinal virtues of the times. With all thy getting—get property.

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We can learn from the Chinese in the art of self-defense. The Chinese Six Companies, in charge of the political welfare of their people, raised over $1,000,000 to test the constitutionality of the Geary exclusion law.

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The Southern reduction plank in the Republican platform of 1904 was not nailed down tight enough to stand upon for longer than after the election. Who of the party managers are insisting upon its enforcement? Who can enforce it?

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Special fitness for the duties of office count for more under the present administration than proficiency in the art of setting up primaries or fixing delegations. The merit system has come to stay, and the tax payers are glad that it is so.

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No general article on education in recent years has won such universal approval as Booker T. Washington's wise counsel relative to the importance of public schools for colored children in the South. It is a veritable text book for parents and teachers.

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If it is true that Roscoe Conkling Bruce is a candidate for the principalship of the M Street High School at Washington, D. C., is it likely that he would take the Boston Guardian into his confidence rather than trust his most intimate friends with the information?

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The Negro is learning that there is virtue in printer's ink, when the matter to be published is worth while. Kelly Miller's open letter in reply to Tom Dixon has attained a circulation of 100,000 copies and the end is not yet. The people paid for the document cheerfully too—which is greatly to their credit.

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The chilling frosts of the fall season are not conducive to the longevity of the Jay Albert Johnson Bishopric microbe. No wonder he wants to move the whole outfit to Africa where the climate is congenial to frail constitutions, and where he will be once again under the flag of his dear King Edward VII.

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Do you know of any colored newspaper man who covers more ground than Charles Stewart, the peripatetic representative of the Associated Press? And he keeps his eyes open as he goes. The country should not miss Mr. Stewart's new and original lecture entitled "Uncle Ned and His Son." It is a treat for sure.

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Because the Pen and Pencil Club at Washington failed to incorporate it will have to find a new name for itself. A white organization took a fancy to the unique title and incorporated under it last week. The P. and P. members are at sea, and are inviting suggestions for an appropriate designation. Write to Robert Pelham, Jr., 2226 Sixth street, N. W.

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There isn't a word of truth in the wild cat rumor that the home of Booker Washington was fired into by indignant southerners just after the Wanamaker dinner episode. The liar who peddles sensational tales about Tuskegee to certain sheets in the North should be ferreted out and given his or her walking papers instanter.

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If the Southern people are sincere in their desire for racial separation, let the city officials of Atlanta, New Orleans, Memphis, Mobile, Birmingham, Jacksonville, Pensacola and other populous centers take radical steps to abolish the bawdy houses kept by Negro women for the accommodation of white men. The white women of the South could render yeoman service in such a crusade. The Florida Sentinel points the way.

R. W. THOMPSON.

SPRINGFIELD. MO.

The colored people of this city are putting forth great efforts in every phase of work they are represented in. Many of them are in profitable business such as grocery stores, resaurants and tailor shops.—Dr. W. O Scalls one of the leading and only colored physician, is enjoying a lucrative practice.—Smith and Hinkee have opened a tailor shop at 210 E. Phelps Ave. They cordially invite all to call and give them a trial. They handle the very best of goods and make the latest styles.—Judge J. A. Calloway has the distinguished honor of being the best lawyer in this part of the state. He very seldom if ever loses a case. He is very popular in society.—Rev. J. S. Dorsey, pastor of the First Baptist Church arrived Saturday morning from Hanibal where he attended the State Convention, He reports having quite a harmonius time. On last evening he preached an excellent sermon. His tireless efforts have proven to be of great success among his members. In the near future he will be pastoring one of the finest churches in this part of the state. His church is near completion ond will be a credit to him and the people at large when finished.—Mr. A. B. Freeman is running a nice Billard room on Olive near Boswill street. Many young men are taking advaniage and are becoming great players The business is being run on an up-to-date order in every respect.—Mr. Z. F. Petterson, the poplar main porter of Scivcaen, Neb., is on the Memphis division of the Frisco system. He has made for himself many friends since coming here from St. Louis last fall after the World's Fair.—The public schools of this city are being ably managed by Profs. Adams and McAdams. From the large number of pupils in attendance it seems that the truant officer will have very little to do.—Rev. Abbott, of the M. E. Church, is quite a worker. His church is awake to the times. The Forum last Sunday evening there was in evey respect up to the thinking class of people. Many people were out at night.—When in the city stop at the Parker Hotel. The very best of meals are served at reasonable rates.—The Freeman is sold at Smith and Hinkee's tailor shop 210 E. Phelps Ave.—The A. M. E. Church's pastor was away Sunday to attend the conference which is being held at Higginsville.

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DO THEY KNOW US?

The speech which President Roosevelt made to the teachers, students and friends of Tuskegee further strengthens a belief we have long entertained, which is, that the white man does not know the colored man of to-day. We are willing to admit that a very considerable number of those who criticize the race favorably or unfavorably are honest in their belief. That they tell the truth as they see it we do not doubt. But what we affirm is, that the existing relations between the races makes it well nigh impossible for the Anglo-Saxon to possess the necessary information on which to base a correct estimate of the race.

In order to know a people it is necessary to know what they think; how they feel; what they like and what they dislike. This can only be learned by contact—not by contact with a few individuals at long intervals and in such a manner as to leave the real feelings of those who are judged undiscovered, but by that closer contact which enters into the feelings and secrets of the individual members of the race, and makes known its hopes and longings; its joys and sorrows; its aspirations and ambitions. And these are just the things that the white man does not know and he can not know because his information is one-sided and fragmentary. This lack of information is the most regretable product of the thing called race prejudice

The speech made by Mr. Roosevelt at Tuskegee shows this same lack of acquaintance There was a school that many prominent Americans have pronounced to be the most complete educational institution in the country, and one well known man has said that it was the most well rounded educational institution to be found anywhere in the world. It is the outgrowth of the genius of a colored man and has been built by the heads, hands and hearts of colored men and women for the benefit of colored boys and girls. Certainly such people are not a problem, nor do they constitute any part of a question as to whether or not they are imbued with the right spirit, or whether they are capable and deserving. The very fact of the existence of that institution and their presence there is conclusive proof that they know the way and are walking therein. To such a gathering we believe that the President might have aimed considerably higher without any fear of over-shooting the mark. They did not need to be told that they ought to work and make themselves useful, for they were already doing that. These students at Tuskegee are not attendants at some reform institution where they are kept in the hope of having them accept the cardinal principles of good citizenship. The fact of their going there testifies to their acceptance of these.

And so, we say, we do not believe that Mr. Roosevelt knew these people to whom he spoke. We believe that he underestimated the intellectual status of the people he addressed. No one can question his honesty and fearlessness, or his good will and helpful sympathy. Nor can these points be questioned in many of those who speak to the race. But we think it will be found, almost invariably, that those who talk to us, from a president on down to the white man who talks to a class in our Sunday schools, that they underestimate the intellectual caliber of their auditors. This, we claim, to be due to not knowing us. We are judged too often from the shiftless job hunter, and those who are really ignorant, instead of those who are industrious and intelligent; and because of the lack of acquaintance the former are believed to be far more numerous than they really are, and the latter much less so To the white man the former constitutes the rule and the latter the exception. Do they know us?

GROVER CLEVELAND'S SPEECH.

It is not a new discovery that Mr. Cleveland possesses the happy faculty of expressing himself in that clear-cut, forcible English which always makes interesting reading. His speech at the unveiling of the Morton statue in Nebraska City, last week was one of this kind. One cannot read his public utterances without the feeling that he is sincere, but to those who are influenced more by economic discussion than by party tenets it will be difficult, if not impossible, to harmonize the bond deals of his administration with the lofty sentiments he expressed in his latest speech. But it is worth the reading, and we give this extract because of the truth it contains:

> "Character, uncorrupted by the contagion of ignoble things, and unweakened by the corrosion of sordidness and money madness is the corner stone of every truly useful life and of every genuinely noble achievement."
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> "We shall do violence to the moral sense which God has vouchsafed to humanity if we close our minds to the truth, that character represents the real value of a man according to the unalterable standard of fine gold; and that it differs immeasurably from reputation, which measures a man's worth by the shifting and untrue standards of mean ambition or successful cupidity.
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> WORSHIP OF MONEY.
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> "We have fallen upon days when our people are more than ever turning away from their old faith in the saving grace of character, and flocking to the worship of money-making idols. Daily and hourly, in the light of investigation and exposure, characterless lives are seen in appalling numbers without chart or compass, crowded upon the rocks and shoals of faithlessness and breach of trust. How ill have these wrecked lives exchanged the safe course and the harbor of honor and useful ness which character and rectitude point out for a wild and headlong rush over unknown seas in a consuming search for pelf."

"THE HOBBY."

We are in receipt of a marked copy of "The Hobby," No. 3 of Vol. 1, which is published by the American Press Company of Baltimore, Md. It takes as its motto the saying of Lord Brougham that "Every man and woman should have a hobby." It calls itself "an entertaining quarterly magazine of polite literature." Its literature, judging from the three contributions on the Negro, is anything else than polite. These articles, including the one on Lincoln, are the most intemperate and abusive of any it has been our misfortune to read. They are made harmless because of their exaggeration and abuse.

The emblem of this magazine is an owl pictured on its front page. By it, truth finds itself unconsciously expressed, for the owl pictured is not the bird of wisdom—that magnificent variety that inhabits the places of solitude. The picture is that of a screech owl, which is harmless, and is known by the terrifying noise it makes. We know of no more suitable emblem that could have been selected unless it be the buzzard. "A magazine of polite literature" would not have accepted the articles referred to for publication.

THE DEFENSE LEAGUE.

It is believed that one of the most prejudicial causes which operates against that higher race unity demanded in the interests of simple justice and a Chiristian civilization is, that aspersions and misrepresentations coming from those of prominence have been allowed to go practically unanswered. We have witnessed the poisoning of the public mind by writers and platform speakers of the South until its ill effect has become noticeable everywhere. The race has been maligned time and again without bringing to the offenders either a protest or reply. Is there not, therefore, some ground for these charges of wholesale ignorance and incompetence when these charges are not met by us? Have not those who misrepresent us a right to construe our silence as pleading guilty, when neither reply nor protest comes to them? We are abundantly able to meet the arguments of these men on the ground of their own choosing, and the interests of the race demand that this be done. This is the purpose of the Defense League of letter writers. On and after Sept. 1st, any such case or cases coming to our notice will be called to the attention of the Defense League in these columns, and within thirty thereafter each member will be expected to address a well written letter in answer thereto. It will cost only a postage stamp, and a little time. One hundred of thes letters concentrated on a given point, and all coming within thirty days, cannot fail to produce and effect that will be helpful. The absence of ostentation and display does not mean that this movement will thereby be productive if any less of that which is good. Will you join us?

Address G. W. Cable, Editor, Freeman.

Judge Barnes of Chicago rejected J. G. Neumeister as a grand juror because he said: "I never will vote to indict a man who has stolen to keep himself or his family from starving." Judge Barnes pronounced such opinions as the "first step toward anarchy." Dr. Emil G. Hirsch upholds the juror, and in a long article in the Record-Herald states that under such circumstances "society at large is co-defendint to the charge." He discusses the sociological bearings of the question in a manner that does not reflect credit on our commercial spirit. This Jew discloses a higher conception and practice of Christianity than is practiced among the Christians themselves.

Now, how about the claim that the trouble in Russia was due to the war with Japan? The war is at an end, but the cry for civil and political liberty grows louder and louder. But one short year ago the people begged the Czar for a little concession, which, had it been granted, would have brought peace and made him loved, but to-day that will not satisfy. The indications now are that the throne of Nicholas, and perhaps his head, will be demanded as a penalty for his stubborn heart. When will men learn to profit by the truth of that saying of Thomas Carlyle that—"the first of all gospels is this, that a lie cannot endure forever?".

The good citizens of Hagerstown, Ind., have had another bank robbery. The first time the bank and almost every person in town was robbed by one of "our best citizens." The second time was by a gang of highwaymen. The result, so far as the losers are concerned, is the same in either case. It is simply a question of who gets your money.

There was never truer saying than, "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." Without it the liberties of no people are secure. Even in successful revolutions are sown the seeds which, if not kept down, will spring up and grow so rapidly that they will in time cause the tree of Liberty to decay.

We have been furnished with a list of the commissioners appointed by the Governors of eighteen States who are to constitute the National Board of Commissioners of the Frederick Douglass Memorial Exposition of North America to be held in Washington, D. C., from May 1, 1906, to July 2.

Is this to be something or is it to be nothing? Is it an affair that has the hearty support of a numder of men who have the confidence of the people? Is it something intended for the good of the colored people, or is it an attempt by some of our men who hope to profit by it?

It is already in the wind that many of those who have not agreed with Mr. Washington heard him speak before the National Baptist Convention at Chicago, and have endorsed his speech in full. Many of those who have heard him several times pronounce this speech as the best he has ever made. Evidently, we are getting together. Much as the Negro has to contend against from without it is nothing less than down right folly to allow internal dissensions to hinder the work of progress.

Politics, as an academic science, is a delightful study and should engage the attention of every citizen to the end that government may yield the largest possible benefits to all of the people.

Politics, as it is usually practiced, is the art of fooling all of the people to the end that government may be used for the benefit of the few.

It has been pretty clearly shown that civilization does not go in a straight line. There are times when it swings backward like the course of a river. When it does so it is because of some obstruction. We believe that it is now swinging on a backward curve caused by the obstructions of commercialism and race prejudice.

More Filipinos have been slain according to recent press reports. Some how we cannot help but feel that every one of those people killed to maintain American supremacy there is nothing short of murder.

GOOD PAINTINGS BY NEGROES

Forty-five Pictures by Colored Artists on Exhibition in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, N. Y., Oct. 21—There were placed on exhibition yesterday in the rooms of the Colored Men's Branch of the Y. M. C. A. of Brooklyn, forty-five paintings by American Negro artists. The paintings are the work mostly of four young Negro artists of this city. Two of them—J. Clinton De Villis and Ernest W. Broxton—are graduates of Adelphi College of Brooklyn, while Samuel O. Collins is of Cooper Union and the Art Students' League, and W. O. Thompson is a cartoonist.

The object of the exhibit is to interest the Negroes of New York in art and to encourage Negro artists in all parts of the country to make an annual display of their talents. The paintings were hung in the parlors of the association building. Several of the paintings had already been exhibited in Philadelphia and in the art gallery of this city.

Do not miss this opportunity to subscribe for the races' leading journal.

Forty Years a Freeman

(Continued from Last Week.)

"Forty Years a Freeman" is our trade mark and watchword. It shows us that the hour has arrived for us to unite in this grand uplifting struggle and fight on until victory crowns our efforts. America is our home, our fathers bought this good land—two hundred and fifty years of cruel bondage is the price they paid—and God in His own time and way will give this glorious heritage to us and our children. The most enterprising colored citizens of Keokuk, Iowa, is the subject of our article to-day.

Mr. E. Goins & Son, lath and plastering contractors, are first-class workmen. They take small and large contracts in their line and give employment to a large number of men. Mr. E. Goins is a Hoosier, having been born in the home State of The Freeman sixty-seven years ago; has two sisters and one brother who still reside in the State of Indiana; he learned his trade forty years ago, and has always been independent of other workmen; his home is valued at $2,500 and is located at 1519 Franklin street; has three daughters and one son, who is his business partner (Charley Goins), was born in Keokuk thirty-one years ago; he is married and owns a home valued at $1500; is financially interested in other real estate; has served two years on the police force of this city; is Junior Warden of the Masonic lodge here. The Goins are Methodists in faith.

Frank Deere is an old soldier and Grand Army man, served three years and six months in the civil war; is glad to see the progress and advancement the young men of his race are making, and is willing to assist in the good work in any way he can; his home is located at 1408 Palean street and is valued at $2,000; is a Baptist in faith.

Mark A. Elliott's home is on the corner of Twenty-second and High streets and is valued at $1,000; he is a great church worker and a Methodist in faith.

Austin Freeman, composition roofing, has worked at his trade for over forty years. The company that employs him takes contracts as far West as San Francisco, Cal., and employs a large number of men; he is sixty-six years old—forty-seven years in this city; has wife, two daughters and one son; he is not a Christian; his home is valued at $2,000 and is located at 1611 Timea street.

George B. Dade owns six town lots and a residence at 622 S. Eleventh street, total value about $5,000. Mr. Dade is a gardener; he is married; his children are highly respected by all who know them; came to this city from Missouri in 1877, and is a member of the Seventh Stree Baptist Church.

Orange Fields, carpenter and builder, was born a slave in Tennessee January 1, 1837. His father was his master. He learned his trade before the machine took the mechanic's place. In those days a man had to know how to build a house. Now the machine does the work. He is a great church man; helped to organize the colored Episcopal Church of this city; has a wife and one daughter; home is valued at $2,500 and is located at 1125 Fulton street.

Thomas Alexander, stone mason, learned his trade while a slave; came to Keokuk in 1856; worken for different companies here until about thirteen years ago commenced taking contracts himself; has plenty of work; he is a Baptist in faith; his home is at 1811 Morgan street.

Mrs. Maggie Brooks, nurse, is a widow forty years old; has three daughters and a son, who is a carpenter. Mrs. Brooks has nursed for twenty years; moved from Fayette, Mo., to Keokuk twenty-seven years ago; she owns two residences, one in Fayette, Mo., valued at $3,000; her home in this city, 1127 Orleans street, is valued at $4,000.

Charles V. Wilson, coachman, resides at 925 N Twelfth street; has been fourteen years in present position; he is forty-two years old; is married and has five children; a Baptist in faith.

James P. Scott, barber, is located at 417 N. Twelfth street; ten years in business; three years in present location Mr. Scott runs a neighborhood shop and enjoys the exclusive patronage of the vicinity; he is secretary of Barbers' Union No. 214; has held the office for two years; is the only colored man in the State holding office of this kind; is married and has one daughter; owns a home at 1204 Orleans street valued at $1,200; Baptist in faith.

Mrs. G. C. Bannister, hair dresser, manufactures hair tonic, pomades, toilet creams, etc.; her home and office is located at 1021 Morgan street.

Charles Alden, blacksmith and job carpenter, has lived in city since 1866. On account of poor health he does not work at his trade; he takes an active interest in church work; is a Methodist in faith and is highly respected; owns a very comfortable home at 1407 Morgan street valued at $1,800; is married and has two sons.

The next article under this head, which will be the last from Keokuk, Iowa, will be the churches, social, moral and industrial condition of the people.

Present address: George H. Jones, 1407 Morgan street, Keokuk, Iowa.

NATCHEZ, MISS.

After three months of strenuous times the great yellow fever panic has come to a close. All quarantines have been removed. Both freight and passenger traffic has been resumed and business is normal.—Rev. R A. Adams, the pastor of Zion A. M. E. church has been in the yellow fever fight from start to finish. Besides pastoring one of the largest churches in this city, helped many needy ones and was an inspiration in the time of trouble. Dr. A. W. Dumas our colored yellow fever expert was himself attacked but was only cofined a few days to his room and was soon up and continued in the thickest of the battle. Dr. Dumas handled more patients successfully than any one physician in the city. Dr. J. B Banks organized a Colored Relief Fund, assisted by Rev. Davenport, Miss Kate Smith and Mrs. Banks. Contributions were received from the wealthy members of our own race, various fraternal organizations among our people throughout the State. The good this organization rendered the suffering of this city during the scourge, can not be told. There were three deaths and among them was Rev, Fleming Williams, a valuable young minister of the Baptist church.—John Garrous, a painter has gone to Los Angeles to reside permanently.—Those desiring The Freeman, call on Prof. W. B. Beasley.

VICKSBURG, MISS.

The Colored Sanitary Committee finished their work October, 24. A gold medal was presented Rev. G. W. Porter in appreciation of heroic work done during the yellow fever fight in this city. D. W. Wilson made the presentation speech and Rev. Porter responded in a few appropriate remarks in which he thanked the committee for the honor conferred upon him. The full report of all funds was read by J. G. H. Boman, secretary of the committee.—Dr. C H. Woode was summoned to Chicago on account of the illness of his wife.—A. J, Lindsey has recovered from a recent illness.—Mrs. L. C. Jefferson and daughter have returned from Chicago.—A. J. Taylor has gone to Mound Bayou.—Jessie Smith was buried last Tuesday at the Nation Cemetery, with Grand Army and Odd Fellow honors.—The public schools will open November 6

MORGANTOWN, W. VA.

Rev. J. A. Patterson, our new pastor has returned to the city with his family.—Miss Callie Alfred and Mrs. Nancy Hilton entertained at dinner last Tuesday, complimentary to Miss Annie R Carter, of Clarksburg, W. Va., who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ellis. Mr and Mrs. Nathan Miller also entertained in her honor last Sunday. Miss Carter went home Tuesday evening.—Robert Jackson of Mt. Morris, Pa., is employed in Brown and Garner's Barber Shop.—Miss Blanche Smith has gone to Clarksburg to attend school.—Rev P. W. Jeffries is presiding elder of the Wheeling District. The Rev. G. C. Sampson was transferred to the Indiana conference and stationed at Allen Chapel, at Indianapolis.

MINEOLA, TEX.

Dock Guy has returned to the city after an abence of two years.—The State Fair at Dallas has been reported a success.—Wallis Johnson and wife are doing well.

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The Stage

P. G. Lowery is now located at 59 East Long street, Columbus, O.

Frank Fowler Brown, the tenor soloist will visit his parents this month at Indianapolis.

John Pittman, of Pittman & Simpson died at Chicago last week and was buried last Sunday by the Elks.

John Carson, special representative of The Freeman, with the Wallace Circus has returned to Indianapolis for a much needed rest.

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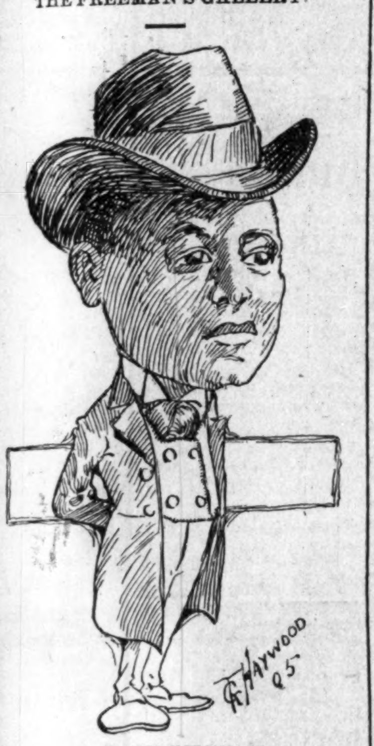

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1905. **ROUTE.** 1906.

A Rabbit Foot Co.: Marshall, Texas, Nov 6; Jefferson, 7; Texarkana, Ark., 9; Camden, 9; Pine Bluff, 10; Clarendon, 11.

A. E. Holman's Serenaders—Folies, Manager—Paris, France, Aug. 1 to Sept. 30; Parisiana, Oct. 1 to 31; Nederlausch, Panoticum Amsterdam, Holland, Nov. 1 to 30.

Billy Kersands' Minstrels: Texarkana, Ark., Nov. 7; Shreveport, La., 8; Monroe, 9: Alexandria, 10.

Black Patti Troubadours: Huntsville, Ala., Nov. 7; Knoxville, Tenn., 8; Chattanooga, 9; Atlanta, Ga., 10-11.

Hot Time in Coontown, Lash Gideon, manager: Independence, Mo., Nov. 4; Kansas City, 5.

The Brewers (John and Maud and F. R. McAdoo)—Port Morea, Societie Islands, Sept. 25 to 30; Ruruta, Societie Islands, October and November.

Kelley & Henry's Old Plantation Company: Camden, S. C., week of Nov. 6.

Mallory Bros and Brooks, assisted by Miss. Grace Halliday: Howard Theater, Boston, Mass., week of Nov. 6.

The Smart Set: Milwaukee, Wis., week of Nov. 6.

Proctor's Original "Arkansaw" Minstrels: Tuscaloosa, Ala., week of Nov. 6.

Ernest Hogan in "Rufus and Rastus": Detroit, Mich., Nov. 4 to 11.

George Temple, an old Indianapolis favorite has returned home after a successful season with the Eberhardt Plantation Company.

James Julius Turner will sail for Jamaica, W. I., next week, on account of poor health. Ben. T. Thompson, of Boston will accompany him.

J. Ed Green writes that Ernest Hogan in "Rufus Rastus" opened at Amsterdam, N. Y., November 30, to packed house. Biggest hit for years.

Charles H. Beechum writes that he has now joined Stetson's U. T. C. Company, now in Kansas. There are five colored people with the show. Mrs. Blanche Beechum would like to hear from Miss Susie Cooksey.

Ray and Etta Trusty have arrived at Wilmington, Del., and are rehearsing 18 people to put on a show for the benefit of the Monday Club to be given Thanksgiving. Regards to all friends. Permanent address 833 Orange street, Wilmington, Del.

For the second week of their engagement at Hammerstein's Victoria Theatre, New York City, Williams & Walker are introducing a burlesque of "Othello." The bedchamber scene is the one selected, and Williams portrays Desdemonda.

The manager of a theatrical company stated in a London court recently, in the case of a singer who had sued him, that the singer's voice had disappointed him at Ilfracombe, but he had given him another trial in London, because "London audiences are the easiest pleased in the world.'

Notes from A Rabbit's Foot Comedy Company.—We are still in our bloom owing to the warm weather. Charles Santana, better known as "Florida's Favorite" is taking them nightly singing "Dis Ain't De Kind a Grub I Been Gittin' Down Home." Happy Howe has added a new act to the olio, which is a feature of the day, E. B. Dudley sends regards to William Dorsey and George Jones.

The Great Boomsky after an engagement with the Georgia Minstrels under the management of Rusco & Holland for four successful seasons, is spending his vacation at Halifax, N. S., and will sail for New York City, December 20, Regards to all members of the Georgia Minstrels, Billy Kersands Minstrels and Black Patti Troubadours. Address, The Great Boomsky, 74 Albermarle street, Halifax, N. S.

Notes from A. G. Allen's Minstrels.—We are headed for the South. Everybody is well except our little Master Richard Burrow who is ill. Our general director Mr. Allen visited us a few days and found everything alright, Mrs. Landonia Watts has closed and gone home for the winter. The team of Watts & Watts is now known as Smith & Watts. The Buster Brown Quartet is scoring nightly. Sol Tibbs wishes to hear from Frenchy Weatherby and partner and P. L. Jenkins wants to hear from Prof. W. L. Jackson; write in care of The Freeman.

SYLVESTER RUSSELL NOTES.

Fire visited Ernest Hogan's New York flat a few weeks ago destroying some valuable clothing, and we regret to say that his diamond horse-shoe was ruined.

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Frank Clermont has refurnished his New York flat to resemble a studio. He is making an effort to place a few songs on the market to the highest bidder among first-class publishers. Look later for songs with words by Sylvester Russell and music by Frank Clermont.

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Will Marion Cook and the Memphis Students have gone to Europe. The students were stolen away from Ernest Hogan by Mr. Cook but Mr. Hogan can stand it. It was a very slick trick if that is what we might otherwise term it. Miss Abbie Mitchell had to steal away all alone by another ship in order to escape Hogan's injunction. The writs served on the Students at sea were valueless.

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During my recent visit to Philadelphia I was the guest of Mr. Nicholas A. Davis. He is a retired actor who once played leads to Elizabeth Williams in repertoire. He is an excellent poet, reciter and literary scholar. I made him give me another small poem for The Freeman as James W. Johnson has not sent me his yet. In the meantime I see The Freeman is "getting by" with other good poems.

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Madame E. Azalia Hackley made a very fine impression at her Philadelphia concert. She is a thoroughly cultured woman. She tells me she was born in Tennessee but reared in the West. After picking her ability to pieces with criticism like I do all the great artists, for the sake of art, and to the satisfaction of intelligent people, I must say that she is an excellent singer and her high notes are unexcelled. This I think is quite plain enough for the common people, others got theirs yesterday.

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There will be no regular Christmas stage review this season. I have decided to step aside and let some one of the new young writers try it. There will be no Russell history next season either. I have deferred it until later. We are having more no account history than is actually necessary. When I bring out a history it will not come out on the subscription plan. I have changed my mind. If the very few professionals who have brains (including James W. Johnson and other literary men, of course) the actor element will not do or achieve anything. Some day if we live, when its too late, they may have discovered the man who could have established a charity fund and the direction of building a home that would have been an honor to the profession. The wise jealous element, we notice, takes steps as I write it down, so I will continue that way either in The Freeman or some other paper or magazine.

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Carl Cook has made his debut as a wise man by criticising the new name of Ernest Hogan's play, "Rufus Rastus." Cook bases his logic on Bob Cole's disapproval but Cole is funny and he may be getting just a little too far away beyond the limit of race traditions. But I disagree with Cole. The new name is a howling success. Cook was very angry with me when I met him last in New York in Nails' pool room while engaged in conversation with Leon Williams, Paul Floyd, and Worles and Tucker, the tenors. But as nothing disturbs me I generally leave and say goodnight before I get wicked, I may have criticised Cook in somebody's letter, which he may have seen. If I did I don't object, perhaps my logic will do him good, but it may very much surprise Cook to read in The Freeman that "I like him very much" and hope he will forgive me, It would have reserved his dignity to have called me aside and spoken quietly. He must try and do better. Mr. Cook does very nicely with his writing for a man who is a great talker and a little nervous. He will do well if he does not try to be a critic. If he tries to do as I have done as a critic he will overstep his ability, and lose his race for popularity. Now I hope he won't try to answer back; if he does you will know his mind is clouded and I won't notice him.

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Billy Nichols, it appears is playing high-class vaudeville in the West and has not gone back into minstrelsy. His argument is to the effect that he has reformed from "rumism" and "swelled head" and when he comes to New York again, managers will be ready to play him. We don't have any time for foolishness in Gotham. The criticism I gave him will not hurt him. Managers go only by what they know and see for themselves, then if they like an actor's conduct, they favor him. Like all partly ignorant actors Nichols saw the criticism but overlooked the fact that I said he is the greatest natural mimic of any race in America. Upon these grounds I take nothing back so he can just "brush by" with the crowd. One actor doesn't count and I am more of a sacrifice than he.

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John Larkins, of Larkins & Patterson, has failed to produce his preached about comedy and escapes criticism like a pilot in a small skiff but Williams & Walker, who sail in a large ocean steamer, now transferred to an emergency ship, must get the greater criticism. George Walker has fallen a little short of his aim this season but we can not harshly blame him. Bert Williams, his partner, after consulting his wisest and closest direct associates should not agree to everything his partner does. Disagreement leads to wisdom. Agree to no uncertainties unless you see them on paper and understand them. This deal was no credit to any of the New York managers either. Our sympathy must go with nearly one hundred performers who are forced to be idle and suffer while managers and stars live in luxury. I will have New York managers to know that it makes no difference what the expenses of the production of "Abyssinia" would have been, it could have opened right in New York, on Broadway for an indefinite run and made good for more than one season. If there is any plea that managers in the West and Southwest would not play Williams & Walker on account of color, the plea is out of date and New York managers have a very weak disease, if the syndicate could not break the ice instead of curling their tails at the New York end. On the other hand, if any of the white stars would be small enough to be guilty of trying to crush Williams & Walker in the so-called aristocratic class, it would be to disgrace President Roosevelt who speaks to the world in behalf of the downtrodden race of his country, assisted by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, a poor weak woman whom God hath chosen to tell to the world in a small poem in the New York American, Sunday October, 22, that various white men and preachers have done much wrong, and it would tell the world that such managers and actors are cheating the people of the country out of the very innocent pleasures they wish to enjoy, by the hampering hammer of Satan's agency.

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Ada Overton Walker's article contributed a few week ago, was quite interesting in some parts. It is not so much my desire to criticise Mrs. Walker as it is to each others of a younger class, and limited experience, by her mistakes. There is one thing certain. Her remarks on the woman question was a very telling blow to actors and their value will be lasting. Mrs. Walker is mistaken in her remarks about the foolishness of Shakespearian productions. The study of Shakespere is the greatest self school of acting we can have and I was surprised as Mrs. Walker and I both spoke in the same issue of our stage progress with no school. The production of Shakespere of course is not profitable yet will be; it will prepare us for the opening that is soon to come and if A. Alexander Talbot, the young actor I saw at Palm Garden is a specimen, we are most ready already. Mrs. Walker, lastly fell short on the social question. She gave society a slap too; she mustn't do that for actresses will be the losers by it. Society among respectable people is generally regulated by the standing of their husband. Entertaining rich white society for a large salary is not social equality by any means. It is only artistic distinction, black or white. Mrs. Walker would not be admitted into the very small most exclusive diplomatic circles, of her own race, at Washington, no matter who she has entertained, unless her husband happened in town and was invited. Williams & Walker were real social guests at Oxford and qualified as such. It would not be to the best interests of an advancing actress to undertake writing newspaper articles as a continuous task. We won't mind hearing from them once or twice, Even if well educated they are apt to make serious blunders, as amateurs by saying things, woman's talk you know, that would cost them dearly. There was just a tinge of self evidence flowing through her article that is curtailing to popularity. Actresses were no doubt delighted with Mrs. Walker's little speech, so was I, on the woman question. But I think the public at-large would be more delighted at seeing Mrs. Walker before the footlights.

THE FRANK MAHARA MINSTRELS

Ironton, Mo., Oct. 20, '05.

The Freeman Publishing Company:

Dear Editor.—It has been some time since I wrote you in regard to the happenings with the Frank Mahara's Minstrel Carnival and in that time the roster of the show has changed quite a little.

At Waterloo, Iowa, we were unfortunate enough to lose a boy whom all of us thought a great deal of, Allie Brown, the wire-walker, who died very suddenly after a short illness, but outside of that one sad incident we have had a very profitable and pleasant season, and now that winter has come on, we all look forward to having a better season than ever before.

Skinner Harris, our chief comedian has worked hard all season to make this the best colored minstrel traveling, and with the assistance of Manager Frank Mahara's ample resources he has succeeded beyond all our fondest expectations. While the Mahara Minstrels have always been noted for their excellent band still they never had a band in the sense of the word that we have this season, for since Jeff Smith has taken hold of the boys he has made the most remarkable change ever made in so short a space of time, When Jeff Smith came over to take the band he was told to spare no expense to get the best musicians possible, Our band now numbers sixteen pieces in all. Among them are such clever soloists as James Harris, trombone; McQuitty, baritone; Jeff Smith, cornet; Arthur Laech, clarionet, and the boys are playing nothing but the best of music, and no popular airs are allowed to see the car, and if you are not a sight reader, you better keep away from the band, as Jeff Smith says he isn't running a school for musicians.

Mr. Mahara has just had the car repainted and refitted throughout, as well as added new scenery throughout, not only for the first part but for each act in the olio; among them being a swell setting for Pamplin's great juggling act, and by the way Pamplin has added some new stunts that are the most marvelous I ever saw on any stage and the act as it stands today would be a hard one for many of the great Orpheum acts to follow, for they would have to keep busy to make good.

This company has been out since August 8, 1902, with but two weeks lay-off, and in that time we have played all the larger Western and Nothern cities several times, each time to a larger business.

There is an old saying, 'Every dog has his day" and I guess that Skinner Harris must be having his now, from the amount of applause he receives nightly, being called upon to sing as many as five and six songs, and Skinner is the boy that can always come back and give them a different one, not resorting to the usual way of repeating the chorus.

In conclusion I will thank you for the many favors shown us in the past, and I can truthfully say that we all, from manager to porter, look forward every week for the coming of The Freeman, and they all join me in wishing for your future success and happiness.

F. M. SHORTRIDGE.
General Agent Frank Mahara's Minstrels.

Notes from Frank Mahara Minstrels. Everybody is well. Ghost always smiling. Pearl Moppin left at Kansas City to join "A Rabbit Foot Company." We met the "Hot Time in Coontown" bunch in Monroe, Mo. They visited us and we returned the compliment and were royally entertained, Harry and Bertha St Clair, late of this company entertained a number of us at dinner during our visit at Kansas City.

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Notes from Codd Auditorium, Norfolk, Va.—The show is running very nicely under the management of the reliable stage director, F. W. Inman The roster is as follows: Laurence Sparrow, Minnie Edwards, Mamie Lawrence, Clifford Brooks, Andy Williams, the frog man. Address 698 Church street, Norfolk, Va.

Notes from Kelley & Henry's Old Plantation which has been with the Jones-Adams Carnival Company all season.—We are now back in North Carolina, doing a good business. Our roster is as follows: Joseph Russell, Billie Brown, London Johnson, comedians; Carl Williams, interlocutor; Will Styles, pianist; Bessie Courtney, Pearl Brown, and D. Styles make up the female contingent. After the present carnival season closes Messrs. Kelley and Henry will put out one of the most elaborate colored comedy companies that has ever toured the South, to travel in their own private car and carry a 15 piece band and orchestra.

Notes from the Famous Billy Kersands Minstrels—The show is yet clinging to success with a strong and firm grasp. We met the Forepaugh & Sells' Circus at Enis Texas, and we visited each other. They were much surprised to see such a high-class aggregation of colored talent, and so well pleased that the managers offered to join hands with Billy. The owners of other shows have made him similar offers but Mr. Kersands reserves definite answers for next season. We have organized a Gun Club that creates much sport. The executive officer George Reeves, next important, Manzie Campbell, most noted marksman, John E. Sherman. Regards to the profession.

Notes from Gideon's "Hot Time in Coontown"—We are now in our third week, playing to a good business and giving satisfaction at every city. Prof. F. B. Woods and his wonderful band are adding much to the success of the company by their daily concerts, while Prof. Bostwick's superb orchestra highly pleases the audience with classical overtures. Earl Burton was presented with beautiful floral gifts at his home at Macon, Mo H. Quallie Clark is a big success as "Andrew Jackson Jones" the leading character. Arthur Prince the hit of the olio. Eva Prince is causing much comment by her graceful chorus work; Marie Bostwick is singing 'My Afro-American Queen" to many encores; Miss Leah Sanderson Clark and A. A. Copeland are making a hit singing "Moon, Moon;" Carrie Sanderson, "What the Brass Band Played" Jack Johnson's bass solos are a feature of the show, while Master Clarence Dodson amuses the audiences with his wonderful dancing. But the real hit of the show is "Me and De Minstrel Band" by A. A. Copeland and chorus, The company sends regards to all professionals.

GEMS ON EXHIBITION.

Not the least of the many attractions with the Great Gideons "Hot Time in Coontown," is the gorgeous collection of beautiful diamonds worn by the celebrated singing comedian, A. A. Copeland. A conservative value of this magnificent collection is given at $35 000, but to the owner they are without price, since they are the worthily earned reward of a meritorious work, having been presented by many admirers from all sections of the country.

The gentleman has kindly consented to place the gems on exhibition at Hope's drug store. * * * Mr. Copeland as a singing comedian has few if any equals and has been engaged for this season by the Great Gideon's "Hot Time in Coon Town." It is said that the gentleman receives the salary of $150 per week and in the opinion of those who have seen him play, fully deserves it. At every performance Mr. Copeland wears the full collection of gems. The sight alone is worth the price of admission.—Centralia Fireside Guard, Centralia, Mo.

CINCINNATI, O.

Many visitors from Indianapolis, Ind. spent the day in the city a few Sundays ago. The occasion was a great game of football between the Silver Leaf Social Squad and the Indianapolis Herculean Athletic Club's Football Eleven at Cumminsville Park, which resulted in a score of 5 to 0, in favor of the Indianapolitans.—The management of The Freeman has secured Mr. Thomas Quarrels as their new agent in this city. Mr. Quarrels is an extremely popular young man. He showed the boys the great city. Many were gratified in meeting the old comrade A. J. Smith at the Tennessee Club, of which he is the popular president. Will Smith was also present and seemed to be enjoying life. Although we did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Ed. G. Gaither, we had the pleasure of enjoying his beautiful surroundings. His able representative was on deck and did the honors graciously. Mr, Gaither has recently returned from Europe where he spent the summer.

CHARLES MARSHALL.

DULUTH, MINN.

The marriage of Mrs. Beatrice Hogan of Chicago, and Mr. Leander B. Hampton, of Ohio, was solemnized, October 22, by Rev. Washington, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. McKinney. The bride was attired in a gown of cream voile fashioned over purple silk, and carried a prayer-book. Mrs. McKinney wearing blue silk organdy was matron of honor.

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THE STAGE OF THE FUTURE

BILLY McCLAIN'S VISION

For a man of distinction there are but two qualifications necessary for having his name printed or spoken without the customary "Mr." Death is one and genius the other. Billy McClain is alive and those who know him and his art would no more speak of Mr. Billy McClain than one would of Mr. William Shakespeare. This precursor in stage reform has been spared the courtesy title of mediocrity, Billy McClain has been among us studying, teaching, working and striving in the cause of his art and has been successful and a boon to us. He has never tasted the bitter satisfaction of scorn and ridicule. His efforts have simply passed unnoticed by the crowd whose approval alone marks success He has a small band of enthusiastic followers who swear by him, look to him for the future of the colored man on the stage.

He has demonstrated his gospel in his unforgetable productions of the "South Before the War," "Suwanee River," "Black America," "Bill Bailey in Japan," "White Cat" Pantomine. Drury Lane Company, "Robinson Cruso" Camden Theatre, not to mention the hundreds of girls that he has taught for John Tiller. Here music, color and movement were wielded in a rhythmic harmony, as far removed from the prevailing crudity of the modern stage as a whistler nocturne is from a chocolate box, but the public held aloof, managers would not produce his productions, too far ahead of the times. They want too see you be a real "coon," stretch your mouth and face, wear funny clothes and in short act a "goat." After a few note-worthy and equally unnoted successes, McClain went abroad in search of more receptive eyes and ears.

That McClain found recognition in England of all countries, is probably not due to a keener artistic perception on the part of the inhabitants, but due to the seed sown by Wagner which has taken deep root in the English mind. Richard Wagner inspired composer, poet, inventor of gorgeous pageants, consummate master of stage craft created a new form of art. His music and drama, in which every note, scene word and the very contrivance of stage mechanism were his own and therefore in perfect harmony. Billy McClain, stage manager, actor, painter, designer of costumes and scenery, proposed a similar reform for the stage, and England received him with open arms. Success followed success. The chief centres of English culture were quickly converted, invited him to stage new plays to exhibit his designs, daily papers and magazines proclaimed his genius, and now he appears to be on the eve of a campaign in this country. It is needless to enter into further detail The fact is that on the modern stage the playwright, the actor, the manager, scene painter, the costumer, the lime-light man, the conductor, the very stage carpenter are constantly at cross purposes pulling against each other and the result is an enormous waste of of good individual craftsmanship on an object which can never become a work of art.

Billy McClain advocates the advent of the artistic stage manager who controls the craftsman under him, as the captain controls the crew of his ship. This actor-manager must have a thorough knowledge of stage craft, must be his own designer of scenery and costumes, must translate the poet's lines into color; movement, rythm, dance and music must slowly evolve into a harmonious stage picture which suggests the poet's meaning; an exquisite, decorative poetical sitting which pleases the senses.

Hear him on the question of stage realism. Not to reproduce nature, but to suggest some of her most beautiful and living ways, is what my stage manager shall attempt. The other things proclaim an overbearing assumption of omnipotence. A stage manager well may aim to be an artist, but it does not become him to attempt celestial honors. This attitude he can avoid by never trying to imprison or copy nature, for nature will neither be imprisoned or allow any man to copy it with success.

Billy McClain conceives the art of the theatre as a perfect blending of various elements Action, which is the very spirit of acting; words, the body of the play, line and color, the heart of the scene, rhythm, the very essence of the dance are all of equal importance, with perhaps a little more importance on action, for the whole art of the theatre has sprung from movement, dance.

Works of poetry, the result of McClain's investigation of the origin and essence of stage art, are not suitable for the stage, because they are complete when the last word is written and cannot gain by the addition of gesture, scene, costume or dance. Thus "Hamlet" is a play to read not to act. The acting play must be incomplete as a work of literature and receive the finishing touches by the artist on the stage. The stage complete in all details, including chorus and effects is the background,

Billy McClain's conception of the future is Utopian, but there is much sound common sense in his arguments and if we can see an improvement in the art of the theatre, it can only be in the direction indicated by him. Whether his experience in stage caaft will be long or short he has given us some valuable information. If his reform is to take root it can only be done by practical demonstration. He is engaged to produce the "Review" in Paris and also the "Pantomine" in England. He and his wife will play principal parts. A new era may dawn on our stage after these productions.

T. FLETCHER JONES.

AN EXPLANATION CONCERNING RUMORED DIFFERENCES

Report of Dissatisfaction of Stage Director with Veteran Actor Untrue.

New Albany, Ind., Oct. 22, '05.

Editor The Freeman,

Dear Sir:—For a number of years, I haven't done any journalistic work, owing to the number of theatrical enterprises I have to chaperon. But on my home coming, (New Albany, Ind.,) I had occasion to be presented with a few back issues of your much noted paper, The Freeman I have noted with interest many comments on myself regarding my different theatrical engagements. Some have been very flattering while others were not so pleasant. but I read all with the same feeling, and the writer knew exactly what he was talking about and it was not for me to answer one way or the other. But tonight while in my personal bereavement, waiting for the hour of the interment of my only, only friend, more than mother, my grandmother, I beg your indulgence for enough space in which to exonerate myself in the eyes of the theatrical public in regard to Mr. Sam Lucas, a gentleman, an actor and whom I hope to be a personal friend of mine.

J ED GREEN.
Personal Stage Director of the Ernest Hogan "Rufus Rastus" Company, under the direction of Hurtig & Seamon.

It has been said by a writer that I complained of his ability to perform a certain part in a company of which I was fortunate enough to be chosen director. Mr. Lucas has acted on the stage long before I knew what the stage was, and has today the respect and recognition of the public to my idea more than any other Negro on the American stage I talk to a very few people concerning my business affairs. I consider Bob Cole a legitimate star-actor producer and writer and feel honored to mention him among my personal friends.

He and I, in the presence of Sylvester Russell, (with apologies for using the gentlemen's name) were in conversation about his trip abroad and the stage in general. The different ways of handling the stage and the different methods of stage directors was the theme supreme. Much desired information was given me by this wizard of the stage, owing to his vast experience in that special capacity. Our conversation drifted to my personal methods wherein I stated that I demanded at rehearsal an exact reproduction of what I was to have on the stage before an audience whom I intended to please. Mr. Cole said, "I see you have Sam Lucas and I learn he is to have a good part. How is he doing?" I answered, "Fine, only Uncle Sam stutters, and is it possible for him to overcome that when playing his part before an audience?" "To be sure," said Mr. Cole, "I know Sam Lucas better than any one in the business. He will always do those things, but you turn him loose and don't worry. Just give him his lines when your show opens and he will play his part well. I am safe to say this to you. Green, he has been in my company's cast in a principal part and has always given satisfaction." That ended our conversation.

I felt much relieved and thanked Mr. Cole for the diversed portion of information which was very essential to me. I really believed this bit of conversation was private and was very much surprised when I saw what I did in print, for my honest convictions are that two gentlemen in the same line of business can discuss affairs of that business without detriment to anyone Mr. Hogan, my star and personal friend was the first to impart to me that the management had decided on a change in the cast of the new production, "Rufus Rastus." Their word is law. They made the changes and they were imperative in their actions.

J. ED. GREEN.

Fred Lewis has staged and opened "The Colored Aristocracy" at Raleigh. N. C, to success with the following roster: Pearl Hunter, late of Mahara's Minstrels, singing and dancing comedian; Charles McKenzie, the Pekin wonder and contortionist; Clarence Crutcher, the phenominal basso; Clara Dupee, of Nashville, Tenn.; Maud Reeves, of Cincinnati; Mose Watkins, Clarksville, Tenn., singing, "Gabbie" and "Uncle Eph;" Walter Lyons, monologuist: Susie Cooksey in her latest hit "The Pansy and the Owl;" Grace Williams in a "Birch Canoe;" Nancy Alexander, a prime favorite as "Aunt Dinah;" and singing "Linda;" Madame Lewis, the sweet-voiced favorite in "Keep a Cosy Corner in Your Heart for Me" and Prof. Frank Crosby, the rag-time pianist. Mr. Lewis regrets the loss of Charles Beechum and Blanch Scott who stopped off at Indianapolis to be married.

Notes from Williams & Stevens' "Richest Coon in Georgia" Company. We close after an engagement at Winnipeg, and after spending a few days with Mr. Williams' parents at Kansas City, we will go to Chicago. The Drakes will join the Dixie Company. Miss Lula Martin will go to Chicago, the Albert Brothers to Denver and Lewis White joined the Georgia Minstrels. Regards to all friends.

CHICAGO NOTES.

Mrs. James L. Love's All Star Company, in conjunction with Prof. Haynes' Stereoptican views have been filling several good engagements. She makes a successful manager and we wish her success financially. She still conducts the professional headquarters and sends her regards to the profession.

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William H. Smith is meeting with great success as manager of the Pekin, and has advanced some new ideas in making this playhouse one of the leading theatres of the West. Mr. Smith has a wide-world reputation of being a successful manager, and we bespeak for him, and Mr. Motts, the proprietor a successful future.

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Cole & Johnson made their usual hit at the Olympic, receiving encore after encore. They are at the Haymarket this week. They have been tendered several dinners during their stay in the city.

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The Payton Trio, Comedians, Singers and Dancers, who are taking a little recreation from a hard season, will resume business again and open at Ft Madison, Wis., October 30, with the Arion Circuit to follow. Racine and Kenosha week of November 6; Fon Du Lac week of November 13; Janesville, November 20; Kohl & Castle to follow. Kind remembrances to all friends.

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The Smart Set headed by their popular comedian, S. H. Dudley, opened at the Columbus last week and played to crowded houses. This week they are at the Academy on the West Side. The company is improved and are a an attraction. The S. R. O, sign is put up every evening.

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Williams & Stevens will arrive in the city after a successful engagement with their "Richest Coon in Georgia" Company.

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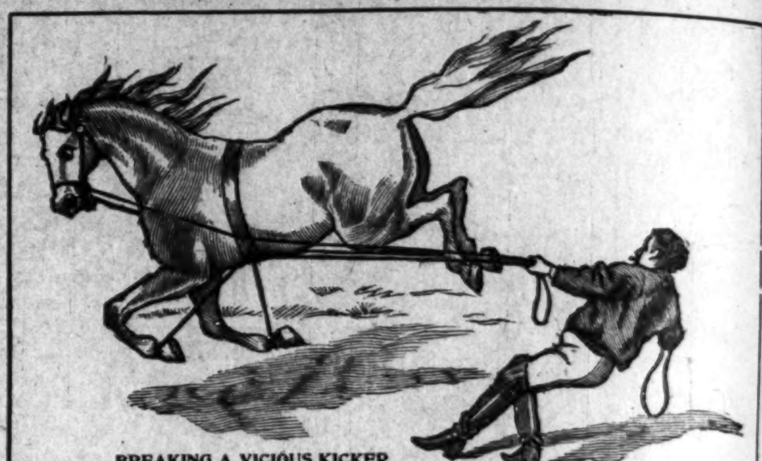
Caldwell & Thomas, the comedians have a new sketch and are making a hit. Managers all along their route want them for return dates.



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The Whitman Sisters are meeting with great success, The McCarvers the stunning sketch artists are making good at the Olympic. Mr. and Mrs. George White are proving to be high class entertainers.

P. B ROSS HENDRIX.

ALBANY, GA.

Read The Freeman.—Mr. James Fason enjoys reading The Freeman. He says, "let me have it regularly," Mr. Benjiman Beal is conducting a grocery store on Mercer street.—The United Order of Colored Americans met here last week—Boom up the Emancipation Day exercises for Jan. 1, Get your friends and their friends interested in that great day and make it one of the best of its kind in the history of that great and glorious day. All schools are now open and invite you to send your children to one or the other of them, yet you fail to adhere to the kind invitation extended you and let your children loiter around in questionable places and company. Sooner or later you may be called upon to explain the condition of affairs. Will you be able to give an intelligent answer to this question?—Give us! Oh give us! men of manhood and backbone we pray Thee!—Jos. H. Cunningham solicits a part of your clothes, cleaning and pressing. Try him.—Mrs. Anna Jones is employed by Mr. J. Jackson, the leading tailor of this city.—Tell your friends about The Freeman and get them to read it weekly. Only 5 cents a copy.

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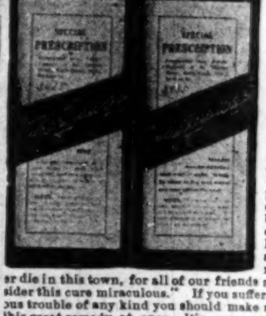

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RACE GLEANINGS.

From one of our exchanges we learn that the first colored man elected a member of the Illinois Legislature was J. N. E. Thomas who was elected in Nov. 1876 and was twice re-elected, serving a term of six years. Mr. Thomas should be remembered as the one who had passed the civil rights law that gives to all people in the state of Illinois equal accomodations and privileges in hotels, eating houses, railroads and all public places of amusement and accommodation.

After the Hon. J. N. E. Thomas, followed Honorable Geo. F. Ector, Edw. H. Morris, Jas. E. Bish, John C. Buckner, W. T. Martin, John G. Jones, E. H. Morris, again making the second time he was thus honored and Edw. D. Green. Mr. Green proved himself to be an active and useful member of the house, and introduced and had passed a law known as the anti-mob lynching bill.

Hon. John G. Jones while there took a leading part in all the legislation of the house and was appointed on twelve of the most important committees. He introduced and had passed a law putting the Eighth regiment of colored men in the Illinois National Guards and officered by colored men from top to bottom. He also introduced and passed a law known as the anti-kidnapping law, fixing a death penalty on people who had been making a business of stealing and kidnapping people and holding them up for ransom. He introduced and had passed a law increasing the judge's salary from $7,000 to $10,000 in the circuit and superior courts of Chicago.

In the field of law we have men of our race who rise up beyond the level and stand out prominently for their achievments and these men deserve much credit as to rise in that field means not only to compete successfully with their brothers of the other race but to exhibit a superiority of wisdom and ability. In Cleveland, Ohio is Atty. A. H. Martin who in the last few days has won a hotly contested law suit for Mr. S. C. Green, of the New Leonard Sofa Bed Co., in which more than $20,000 were involved. The suit was the outgrowth of a disagreement between Mr. Green and Welcome T. Blue, who held a controling interest in the Mowhawk Realty Co. Mr. Blue's side of the case was looked after by three lawyers (white). Against such odds, nothing but right and an exhibition of superior legal knowledge and ability could possibly have won success and we have every reason to feel proud of this achievement.

In Illinois, perhaps more so than in any other state, do we find colored men featuring prominently among the governing body of the state. At the present time they have Senator Geo. Dixon, of Chicago, who is serving his first term as a member of the General Assembly of Illinois, and during the session last winter made an admirable record as an honest, able, safe and conservative legislator. He took front rank from the start as a leader of the upper house. The older senators recognized his ability by placing him at the head as chairman of one of the most important committees, something unheard of for a first termer, and besides gave him place on several of the principal committees, All through the session he was one of Gov Deneen's chief supporters and advisors. Senator Dixon was frequently in conference and consultation with the governor.

Ex-Congressman J. E. O'Hara of New Bern, N. C., who died a short time ago, was among the most efficient lawyers North Carolina has ever produced and was one of the ablest men of the Negro race, During the reconstruction period he was a representative in Congress from the second district.

President Booker T. Washington has just received the information that the Russian and Danish translations of his autobiography, "Up From Slavery," have been published. The book is still a popular volume in all parts of the world.

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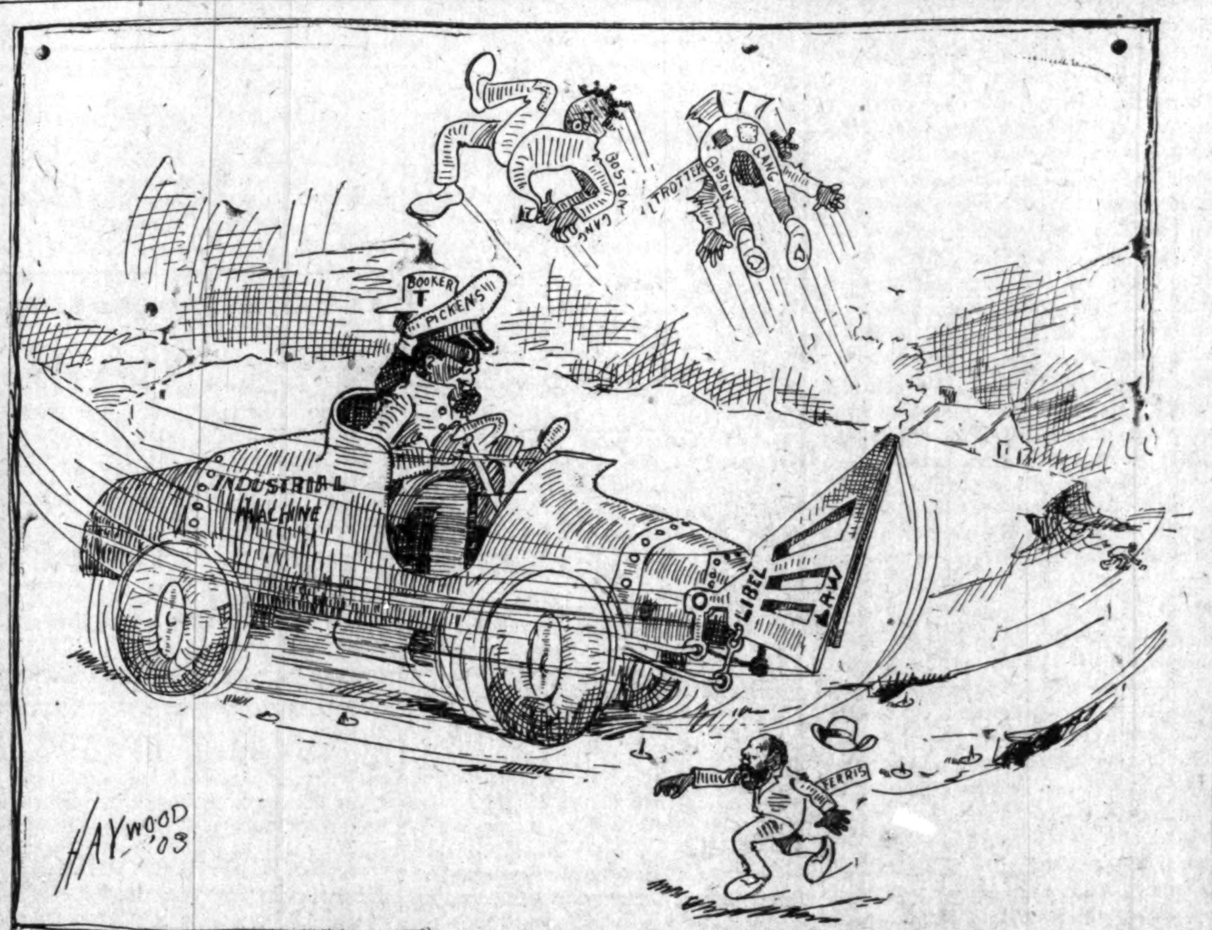

On October the 24, when Rresident Roosevelt visited Tuskegee and delivered that stirring address at Booker T. Washington's school, many of our readers thought it to be another "spin" that our gallant leader had made through the ranks of prejudice and newspaper slanderism in his "Industrial machine" as the above sketch show it up—the "Bostonian Boo-boo press gang being" hurled high in the air.

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James Smith, a well-known hote man, of Louisville, Ky., was a visitor Sunday.

John Evans, of the Crawfordsville public schools was in the city last Saturday.

Master Robert Williams continues ill at the home of his parents in Douglass street.

Rev. I. G. Penn, of Atlanta, Ga., delivered two sermons at Simpson Chapel last Sunday,

The marriage of Miss Naive L. Coleman and Mr. Charles A. Lewis, will take place November 15.

Rev. Pius, of Austin, Tex, a brother of Rev. N. H. Pius, was a caller at The Freeman office this week.

Mrs. Edward Mason, at her home in West North street and Mrs. Mable Ashby in North Missouri street are ill.

Miss Mattie Estell, a teacher in the public schools of Louisville, was the guest of Mrs. Lucretia Knox this week

Russel Miller, of Cleveland and Clarence Miller, of Dayton, O. were in the city this week to attend the funeral of their sister,

Miss Mary Sneed Warren, of Frankfort, Ky., is with her sister, Mrs. D. D. Hunter, who is very ill at her home in Martindale avenue.

Madame Marguerite Gibson, manicurist and chiropodist, of Mason City, Ia., is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Killgo, 813 West North street.

Rev. M. C. Elzy, of Bloomington, Ind., called on The Freeman on his way home from the National Baptist Convention which met in Chicago.

DEATHS.

Mrs. Mattie Willis, at her late home in West Indianapolis, last Wednesday morning after some months' illness

Miss Ethel Miller at the home of her father, after an illness of a few weeks. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. H W. Simmons at the home last Wednesday afternoon.

William Jackson was buried from the home of his sister, Mrs. M. Housely Wednesday.

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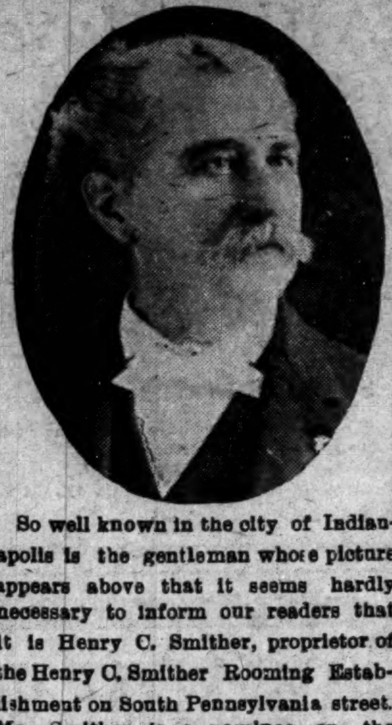

So well known in the city of Indianapolis is the gentleman whose picture appears above that it seems hardly necessary to inform our readers that it is Henry C. Smither, proprietor of the Henry C. Smither Rooming Establishment on South Pennsylvania street. Mr. Smither is a nominee on the Republican ticket for the position of Councilman-at-large. During his long residence in this city he has built up an extensive business that extends all over the Central States.

He has a most enviale reputation for honesty and business ability, and has a host of friends who are making strenuous efforts in his behalf in this campaign, feeling that his honorable business qualities would mean for the city of Indianapolis an honest, fair and impartial member of the Council, He is spoken of in the highest terms by friends and employes. Mr. Smither is an American by birth, is a married man and is an old soldier, being a member of Company D, 79th Indiana Volunteers. He is also a member of the Columbia Club, was for several years a member of the Commercial Club, is a member of George H. Thomas Post, a member of the First Baptist Church, a Blue Lodge Mason, a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of the Mystic Shrine.

Mr. Smither is a product of the farm, being born in Marion county. He has always lived, since fourteen years of age in the city, and feels that the best is none too good for Indianapolis.

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Y. M. C. A. Notes.

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Lyceum as usual Tuesday night at 8 p. m. Mr G. W. Cable will give the paper next Tuesday.

The club rate of $1.00 is over and it will now cost you $2.00 to join, but that is cheap for what you will get in return. Come and join us with a membership of over 50 We want to reach the 100 mark by January 1.

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cowardice and everything not manly; but by the possession of just the opposite qualities, they have beaten their way into the recognition of the highest civilization of the world. There was a time when the haughty Philip and his friends designated the Dutch by an approbrious epithet, which the Dutch changed into a term of honor that lit the way to Dutch glory, as well as to failure and ignominy—through difficulties, over thorny roads and all the combined powers of greed and hell, to success.

"Nations, races and individuals may change their reputation, may so alter their character, that instead of being known for their disagreeable and indolent qualities, they will be respected and honored for their opposite virtues."

Inspired by Retrospection.

"The races in inferior condition should be inspired to do nobler things by the retrospection of the lives of other races, who came from inferior condition to superior condition. The history of the world shows that races are but spokes in the great wheel of humanity. If the Negro wishes for good things in this world he must eat no idle bread. He must do the hard things which freedom and righteousness always require in this life. He must overcome some things, and the hardest things to overcome are the errors of his own ways, the ignorance and superstition of his own life, and then comes the triumph which passes not away, but abides with him forever, He must take the pruning hook of the highest civilization and go to work on himself, cutting off here and there the incumbrances in his own race; take the knife and cautery apply them to himself by inflicting the severest pain, he will reach the greatest comfort and highest regard. He must strike down idleness everywhere. 'That he who does not work shall not eat' ever has been the fundamental law in the development of nations, races and countries. This has been the law which has carried all progressive people to the greatest attitude of their existence This must be the law that shall govern us in our racial progress, or we must die. The boys and girls of our race must thoroughly understand this, or they must go down to be trodden to death by the on-sweeping millions in the great rush of the world, and be best things in it.

Must Put Down Awful Sin.

"That sin, of all the most henious and inexcusable, I shall touch but lightly here, but we must remove it from the race as we would any cankerous growth on the body. We must do it for two good reasons:

"First. We owe it to the white race to put down this sin—to stamp it out as far as we can.

"Second. We owe it to ourselves from a selfish standpoint, for if we do not put down the criminal assailant he will become satiated by prey on innocent white females, and like the wild beast will turn upon himself; and our own females will become their victims to a greater extent than he has preyed upon the whites. These will be evil and sorrowful days I am appalled by a vision of those times, unless we ac now and thwart them in this matter by curbing the lustful spirit in the boy, who now almost runs wild at will—the embryonic criminal roving our streets and allies, dives of all kinds, who by and by becomes the full fledged villian to be cured only by the mob, fire and the gatlin gun. In the treatment of this affair which our section has allowed to grow upon us, we will have to be cautious. We must kill crime without making more criminals We must down cruelty without making the populace more cruel. The inquisition in its time begot its own victims, and the most crime was committed during the reigns of the kings of England who were most cruel in their treatment of crime, Candor in the treatment of this subject forces me to say that the wildcat mob which has already put other offences on par with criminal assault of white women will turn from mobbing Negroes to mobbing white men. To that is a short step—a logical and necessary sequence. The Negro brute will be displaced by the white brute mob.

Prophesy for Future.

"As Negroes we must look to the future of the Negro. We must pull away from crime and indolence, or we will soon find that expulsion from whole communities will follow thick and fast, when every man's hand will be turned against us, and like the 'wandering Jew' of old, none will take us in, but will raise hands against us and cry, away! This is a hard prophesy, but you will live to see it if we do not check the evils in our race impelling us to self-destruction. I speak this of the race as a whole, but when I view the million struggling, rising, industrious, God-fearing Negroes in this country, I am more encouraged, for God knows they are making a grand record; but what of the 'nine,' what are they doing, and how are they doing? You cannot answer these warnings by shake of the head or wave of the hand; you cannot answer these prophesies by a cry of misrepresentation and prejudice; the answer must come from a good heart, a well ordered brain and an industrious hand, which will throttle and strike down everything that is inimical to the advancement and success of this race. It is now up to us. Industrious arms, well cultivated brains and hearts full of Godliness must answer. That we have made progress is true of the best Negro; the aspiring Negro; the God fearing Negro; the Negro who lives, rising against great odds, into the approval of great men and God; the Negro who makes speed by pressure and is lifted up by adverse currents.

Help Struggling Negro.

"Pardon me for saying that the South owes it to itself to help the struggling Negro. Its forefathers were brave honorable and true men—true to their Anglo-Saxon progenitors. The South took hold of the Negro and raised him up to the view of the world. It stood by him, it did not try to discourage him, but everywhere lifted him high. Is the white South of the present day encouraging the worthy Negro to the extent that its forefathers did? Is the White South carrying out the duty which its fathers transmitted to it—the duty of unselfish help of the Negro in his struggles to rise in the world—the proper commemoration of the old South by a proper respect of those who were made useful by the old South in its development? Shall the grand men who laid out the old South—who leaving their footprints in blood over the snow covered hills of Virginia, followed Lee's tattered banners down to Appomattox because they thought it truth, be so soon forgotten by the descendants of both races? Let us stand uncovered before the humble graves of the grand black men and black women of the South, in whose ebony arms the highest virtue and intelligence of Southern Anglo-Saxon men and women were cradled, and who told their black mammies and old uncles to make the most of themselves in the world.

"There are new players on the boards, new actors on the stage, but the same drama is being enacted—the building of a race. Again the South is the leading actor—how shall the play end? The argument advanced must not be childish, it must be manly. But the superior man does the superior thing for the lifting up of mankind to superior condition. Is it necessary to the establishment and maintenance of the purity of the Anglo-Saxon race to prove the natural inferiority of the Negro? If God made the white man my superior, the white man has no credit. If God made me inferior to the white man, then I am not to blame. Let us be fair. Don't let your claim to superiority, and to proclaim my inferiority, be the excuse for cruelty."

POCATELLO, IDAHO.

The ladies of the city have organized a Christian Endeavor Society with the following officers: Mrs. John H. Pearson, president; Miss Cora Monroe, secretary; Mrs. Monroe, treasurer; Mrs J. H. Williams, superintendent. They will also organize a Mid-winter Literary Club.—J. S. Battles, A. Douglass and John Lawrence have returned from a successful hunting trip.

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